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Hurricane Report

On the afternoon of September 21, 1938, Douglas, as well as the rest of central New England, was visited by a southeast hurricane, the worst in approximately one hundred years. Rhode Island histories and ancient newspaper files tell of a hurricane that occurred on September 23, 1815.

On that fateful Wednesday no one dreamed that a hurricane would strike here. The Weather Bureau had sent warnings of a hurricane off Cape Hatteras, but it was expected to move out to sea. Instead it swept through a belt about 200 miles wide up through the center of New England into Canada. East Douglas was square in its path and felt the full impact of its tropical fury. The wind began to rise



THE WHITINSVILLE-DOUGLAS ROAD LOOKING TOWARD SCHUSTER
WOOLEN MILL

at two o'clock, bringing squalls of rain and a strange darkness. It continually increased in violence until it was tearing past houses, trees, radio broadcasting towers at 100 miles an hour. The ominous, low, roaring of the wind was frightening. The terrific force of the hurricane brought destruction everywhere: great old trees crashed

into houses and roads, often dragging down live electric wires; windows were shattered; barns blown down; chimneys collapsed, dangerously scattering bricks; shingles and, in some cases, whole roofs were torn off houses and factories. One of the most shocking consequences was the disruption of all electrical power; electric lights, refrigerators, stoves, telephones, radios, machinery—all stopped functioning. By six-thirty, when the worst of the hurricane had passed this locality, East Douglas was in darkness.

In the space of three hours, the community was plunged back into almost primitive conditions. Old kerosene lamps were dusted off and put into use again; even candles were at a premium. Radios were silent. Practically all communication by telephone and railroad was shut off. The selectmen held a special meeting by candlelight



LARGE ELM BLOWN AGAINST FULLER JONES HOUSE ON MAIN STREET

and declared a state of emergency. They ordered crews of workmen to start clearing the tree-blocked roads, and by morning all main thoroughfares to surrounding towns were open to traffic. The regular police and special officers patrolled the streets which were in total darkness. Dangerous as the storm was, not a single casualty occurred in this town.

When the sun rose the next morning, the devastation on all sides made Douglas almost unrecognizable. Whole groves of pine trees were levelled, fruit trees were uprooted, in the cemeteries tombstones were grotesquely overturned, the steeples of both the First and

Second Congregational Churches lay in ruins on the ground. One of the most tragis sights was the destruction of the fine old trees, especially the elms on Main Street which had stood for more than a century.

The work of restoring order out of chaos began at once. Roads were cleared. Tractors and steam shovels were used to remove tree trunks and stumps. In this capacity, the men of the CCC camp and



THE KENDALL HOUSE ON MAIN STREET

the W. P. A. workers gave invaluable assistance. To supply the town with water, which is pumped by electricity, several tractors were run day and night. The telephone and electric light companies kept repair crews working, and on September 28, electricity was restored in stores and homes. Street lights were completely restored by October 22. Regular mail trains were operating by October 10. In a comparatively short time, human energy and resourcefulness had brought back comfortable modern life.

Years from now, the school children of today, no doubt, will be telling their descendants about "the big blow" of September 21, 1938.

LUCIUS J. MARSH, JR.

Jury List for the Town of Douglas for the Year 1939

Allega, Ernest P.
 Anderson, Gosta N.
 Askenstrom, Carl J.
 Austin, James G.
 Bigos, Walter S.
 Brouwer, George
 Blanchard, Lloyd
 Bruno, Edmund H.
 Budzyna, Walter J.
 Cabana, Frederick
 Carpenter, Erwin
 Cerulle, Vincent
 Chase, Jesse E.
 Conrad, George
 Cooney, Frank X.
 Converse, Ralph E.
 Crosier, George D.
 Dansereau, Albert J.
 Decoteau, Raymond O.
 Dermody, Lester J.
 Doyon, Frederick J.
 Dixson, Norval A.
 Donaldson, Carl I.
 Dufault, Albert N.
 Dunleavy, John E.
 Elliot, William J.
 Fairfield, Walter B.
 Foster, Eldrick
 Frost, Alfred J.
 Fulone, James
 Harris, Moses M.
 Hanley, James
 Hindon, Henry N.
 Hughes, Edward
 Hvizdos, Andrew J.
 Johnson, Roy

Store Manager
 Spinner
 Experimental Machinist
 Oil Line Foreman
 Weaver
 Electrician
 Dentist
 Spinner
 Draftsman
 Weaver
 Ass't Postmaster
 Plasterer
 Farmer
 Caretaker-Cemetery
 Store Clerk
 Store Clerk
 Office Manager
 Janitor
 Store Keeper
 Funeral Director
 Retired
 Carpenter
 Loom Fixer
 Ass't Foreman
 Chauffeur
 Mill Operative
 Mill Operative
 Spinner
 Store Owner
 Painter
 Retired
 Clerk
 Lumberman
 Chauffeur
 Store Manager
 Insurance Agent

Kelly, John J.	Store Clerk
Kivlan, William	Painter
Klisiewicz, Frank E.	Dresser
Kosiar, Stephen F.	Shear Tender
Lacourse, Leo R.	Barber
Larson, Hartwick T.	Loom Fixer
LaPlante, Joseph	Spinner
Lunn, Walter	Mill Operative
MacDonald, Robert E.	Wood Pattern Maker
Marsh, Lucius J., Jr.	Assessor
Metcalf, Arthur L.	Carder
Mooney, William A.	Finisher
McCann, Earl	Highway
McMahon, Kenneth	Chauffeur
Olson, Carl H.	Spinner
Parker, Howell W.	Farmer
Pender, Robert R.	R. E. Agent
Piepszak, Felix	Shear Tender
Pine, Walter E.	Overseer
Putnam, Stanton D.	Store Manager
Rawson, Arthur E.	Farmer
Robinson, Charles	Salesman
Schellschmidt, Gustave	Retired
Sheldrick, William C.	Painter
Simmons, Agalon B.	Retired
Thomas, Henry	Draftsman
Travaille, Jasper J.	Mill Operative
Vecchione, Florenz J.	
Wallis, Chester A.	Carpenter
Wellman, Chester E.	Retired
Wasink, John F.	Clerk
Zemianek, Paul	Percher
Zonfrillo, Marine S.	Ass't Manager

Given under our hands this 31st day of December 1938 A. D.

WINFIELD A. SCHUSTER,
 PAUL D. MANNING,
 FRANK E. JONES,
 Selectmen of Douglas.

Town Officers 1938

Moderator

FERDINAND J. LIBBY, 1939

Town Clerk

JOSEPH S. VIROSTEK, 1939

Treasurer

RICHARD H. ALDRICH, 1939

Town Counsel

FERDINAND J. LIBBY, 1939

Selectmen

WINFIELD A. SCHUSTER, 1939, Chairman

FRANK E. JONES, 1940, Clerk

PAUL D. MANNING, 1941

Assessors

FERDINAND J. LIBBY, 1940, Chairman

IRVING FISHER, 1941

LUCIUS J. MARSH, Jr., 1939, Clerk

Members Board Public Welfare

FRANK X. RINFRETTE, 1941, Chairman

* RICHARD MOORE, 1939

MARINE ZONFRILLO, 1940

VERA H. WARNER, Clerk

School Committee

LILIAN G. CARPENTER, 1939, Clerk WARREN JOHNSON, 1939

BAYLIS G. ALDRICH, 1940, Chairman

MARGARET S. CARRICK, 1940

ANDREW J. CENCAK, 1941

LOUIS A. CALLAHAN, 1941

Tree Warden

JAMES FULONE, 1939

Superintendent of Highways

EARL BALLOU, 1939

Agent Moses Wallis Devise

GILBERT W. ROWLEY, 1939

Cemetery Commissioners

FRANK E. COPP, 1941 HAROLD BUXTON, 1940
 HOWELL W. PARKER, 1939

Town Accountant

JOSEPH S. VIROSTEK, 1940

Board of Registrars

FRANK L. CORRELL, Chairman, 1939
 MOSES DEBLOIS, 1940 JOHN E. DUNLEAVY, 1941
 JOSEPH S. VIROSTEK, Clerk, 1939

Trustees of Public Library

FRANK L. CORRELL, 1939
 STEPHEN L. HREUSIK, 1940 K. HELENA WIXTEAD, 1941
 * Resigned

Life Members—Trustees of Simon Fairfield Public Library

LENA M. SCHUSTER WALTER B. FAIRFIELD
 FRANK E. JONES FERDINAND J. LIBBY

Chief of Police

KARLE T. HOWE, 1939

Chief of Fire Department

CHARLES A. ANDERSON, 1939

Superintendent of Schools

A. B. GARCELON

Superintendent of Water Works

HERBERT E. HUGHES, 1939

Water Commissioners

GILBERT W. ROWLEY, 1940, Chairman *OSCAR OLSON, 1939
 WILLIAM J. WALLIS, 1941

Board of Health

SELECTMEN

*FRANCISCO BOWEN, Agent

Sealer of Measures and Weights

FRANK L. CORRELL, 1939

Collector of Taxes

EDWARD L. WILLIAMS, 1939

Moth Superintendent

FERDINAND J. LIBBY, 1939

Forest Warden
HENRY PETERS, 1939

Dog Officer
HERBERT E. HUGHES, 1939

Fence Viewers
FRANK L. CORRELL, 1939
FERDINAND J. LIBBY, 1939 WALTER H. PARKER, 1939

Bridge Viewer
EARL BALLOU, 1939

Measurers of Wood
GILBERT W. ROWLEY, 1939 CHARLES CHURCH, 1939
WILLIAM J. WALLIS, 1939 WALTER H. PARKER, 1939

Weighers of Coal
FRANK E. JONES, 1939 ALFRED J. FROST, 1939

Inspector of Animals
ROY KENYON, 1939

Inspector of Slaughtering
HARRY A. DOWNS, 1939

* Deceased

Finance Committee Report

Appropriations estimated necessary for fiscal year ending December 31, 1939.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen's Salary	\$ 100.00
Selectmen's Expense	100.00
Town Accountant's Salary	600.00
Town Treasurer's Salary	300.00
Town Treasurer's Expense	150.00
Tax Collector's Salary	550.00
Tax Collector's Expense	150.00
Town Clerk's Salary	300.00
Town Clerk's Expense	100.00
Assessor's Salaries	500.00
Assessor's Expense	50.00
Town Counsel	300.00
Registrars' Salaries	60.00
Registrars' Expense	200.00
Election Expense	75.00
Moderator	15.00
New Town Hall Maintenance	800.00
Old Town Hall Maintenance	50.00
Town Officer's Bonds	250.00
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	\$ 4,650.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police Department	4,500.00
Police—Town Hall Duty	200.00
Fire Department	700.00
Scaler	50.00
Tree Warden	400.00
Forest Fires	300.00
Dog Officer	25.00
Insurance	800.00
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6,975.00

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Health Department Salaries	50.00
Health Department Expense	625.00
Meat Inspector	75.00

Animal Inspector	150.00
Vital Statistics	15.00

915.00

HIGHWAYS

Chapter 81	5,250.00
Chapter 90	1,000.00
Chapter 90 Maintenance	500.00
Machinery Maintenance Fund (see transfer recommended)	
Chapter 90 Insurance	200.00
Bridges	200.00
Street Lighting	2,250.00
Care of Watering Trough	5.00
Care of Public Squares	25.00
Special Highways	50.00
Railings	100.00
Snow Roads	1,500.00

11,080.00

CHARITIES AND SOLDIER'S BENEFITS

Welfare Salaries	450.00
Relief	12,400.00
Old Age Assistance, Clerk	500.00
Welfare, Clerk	300.00
Aid to Dependent Children	2,000.00
Old Age Assistance	7,500.00
Soldier's Relief	100.00

23,450.00

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

School Committee Salaries	200.00
Schools—General Expense	38,000.00
Industrial Schools	400.00
Library	1,000.00

39,600.00

RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

W. P. A. Materials	2,000.00
American Legion Hall	100.00
Memorial Day	150.00
Care of Town Clock	30.00
Printing Town Reports	200.00

2,480.00

ENTERPRISE AND CEMETERIES

Cemetery	100.00	
Water Commissioner's Salaries	100.00	
Water Department Expense	3,200.00	
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		3,400.00

INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT

Interest	350.00	
Debt	1,000.00	
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		1,350.00

RESERVE FUND

Reserve Fund	2,500.00	
\$400.00 from Overlay Reserve		
1,600.00 from Water Department Surplus		
500.00 in 1939 Levy		
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		2,500.00

OVERDRAFTS

To cover 1938 Overdraft in interest account...	5.35
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1938 BILLS OUTSTANDING

Welfare bills	200.00
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TRANSFERS RECOMMENDED

Machinery Rentals to Machinery Fund	400.00
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	\$97,005.35

Finance Committee,

WINFIELD A. SCHUSTER, 1939

FRANK E. JONES, 1940

PAUL D. MANNING, 1941

GILBERT W. ROWLEY, 1939

FERDINAND J. LIBBY, 1939

FRANK X. RINFRETTE, 1940

LESTER J. DERMODY, 1940

BAYLIS G. ALDRICH, 1941

*WILLIAM J. WALLIS, 1941

Tax Rates in the Town of Douglas

1931	30.70	1935	32.00
1932	32.50	1936	32.00
1933	31.50	1937	35.00
1934	33.00	1938	37.00

* Succeeds Francisco Bowen, now deceased.

TOWN OF DOUGLAS BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 31, 1938

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	
CASH:		Temporary Loans:	
In Banks and Office	\$ 3,746 71	In Anticipation of Revenue 1938	\$ 10,000 00
Accounts Receivable:		Mowry Trust Fund Income	2,072 17
Taxes:		Cemetery Trust Funds Income	9 13
Levy of 1937	\$ 3,122 29	Sale of Cemetery Lots and Graves Fund ..	74 50
Levy of 1938	9,693 46	Tailings	26 30
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:		Machinery Funds	483 59
Levy of 1938		Water Available Surplus	1,635 32
Tax Titles			
Tax Title Possessions,			
Departmental:			
Town Hall,	314 40		
Health	328 57		
Temporary Aid	2,209 71	Federal Grants:	
Aid to Dependent Children	434 50	Old Age Assistance—Administration	42 85
Old Age Assistance	100 00	Old Age Assistance—Assistance	9 86
State Aid	30 00	Aid to Dependent Children	67 25
School	37 50		
Water Rates	3,454 68		
Aid to Highways:			
State, Chapter 81	1,438 33		
State, Chapter 90	4,319 77	Appropriation Balances:	
County, Chapter 90	2,319 77	W. P. A. Materials	670 96
		Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus	492 76
Underestimates:			
State Tax	3,060 00		
State Parks and Reservations			
Tax	7 61	Overlays—Reserved for Abatements:	
State Veteran's Exemption		Levy of 1937	\$ 1,215 45
Tax	94	Levy of 1938	2,002 06
County Tax	1 81		
	3,070 36		3,217 51

Overdrawn Accounts:		
Interest	5 35	
Highways, Chapter 81	1,437 68	
Highways, Chapter 90, Construction—		
Hurricane Emergency	2,724 15	
Highways, Chapter 90, Maintenance ..	639 54	
	<u>4,806 72</u>	
	\$37,154 11	
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax		\$106 93
Tax Title		726 66
Departmental		3,454 68
Water		348 44
Aid to Highways		8,077 87
		<u>12,714 58</u>
		5,637 33
		<u>\$37,154 11</u>

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$ 4,000 00	Town Hall Loan	\$ 4,000 00
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TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities:		In Custody of Treasurer:	
In Custody of Town Treasurer	\$ 27,895 86	Myron O. Mowry School Fund	\$ 24,273 81
In Custody of Library Trustees	13,062 09	Adeline Pierce Sanborn Library Fund	166 85
In Custody of Agent	28,575 99	Care of Graves, G. A. R. Veterans' Fund	834 16
		Mary South Cemetery Fund	240 73
		Monument Fund—Sons of Veterans ..	105 41
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	2,274 90
			<u>\$ 27,895 86</u>
		In Custody of Library Trustees:	
		Simon Fairfield Library Fund	
		In Custody of Agent:	
		Devise of Moses Wallis	
			<u>13,062 09</u>
			28,575 99
			<u>\$69,533 94</u>

Report of the Treasurer

To the Selectmen of the Town of Douglas:

Following is my report as Town Treasurer of the Town of Douglas as recommended by the Division of Accounts, Department of Corporations and Taxation, as called for by Section 44, General Laws, for the fiscal year 1938.

RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

Balance January 1, 1938	\$8,710.37	
Receipts 1938	214,278.19	
		\$222,988.56
Payments 1938	\$219,241.85	
Balance December 31, 1938	3,746.71	
		\$222,988.56
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Balance January 1, 1939	\$3,746.71	
Receipts January 1 to 30, 1939	9,206.77	
		\$12,953.48

MYRON O. MOWRY SCHOOL FUND

In Custody of Treasurer

	Savings Deposits	Securities Par Value	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1938	\$1,242.56	\$23,000.00	\$24,242.56
On hand at end of year 1938	\$1,273.81	\$23,000.00	\$24,273.81

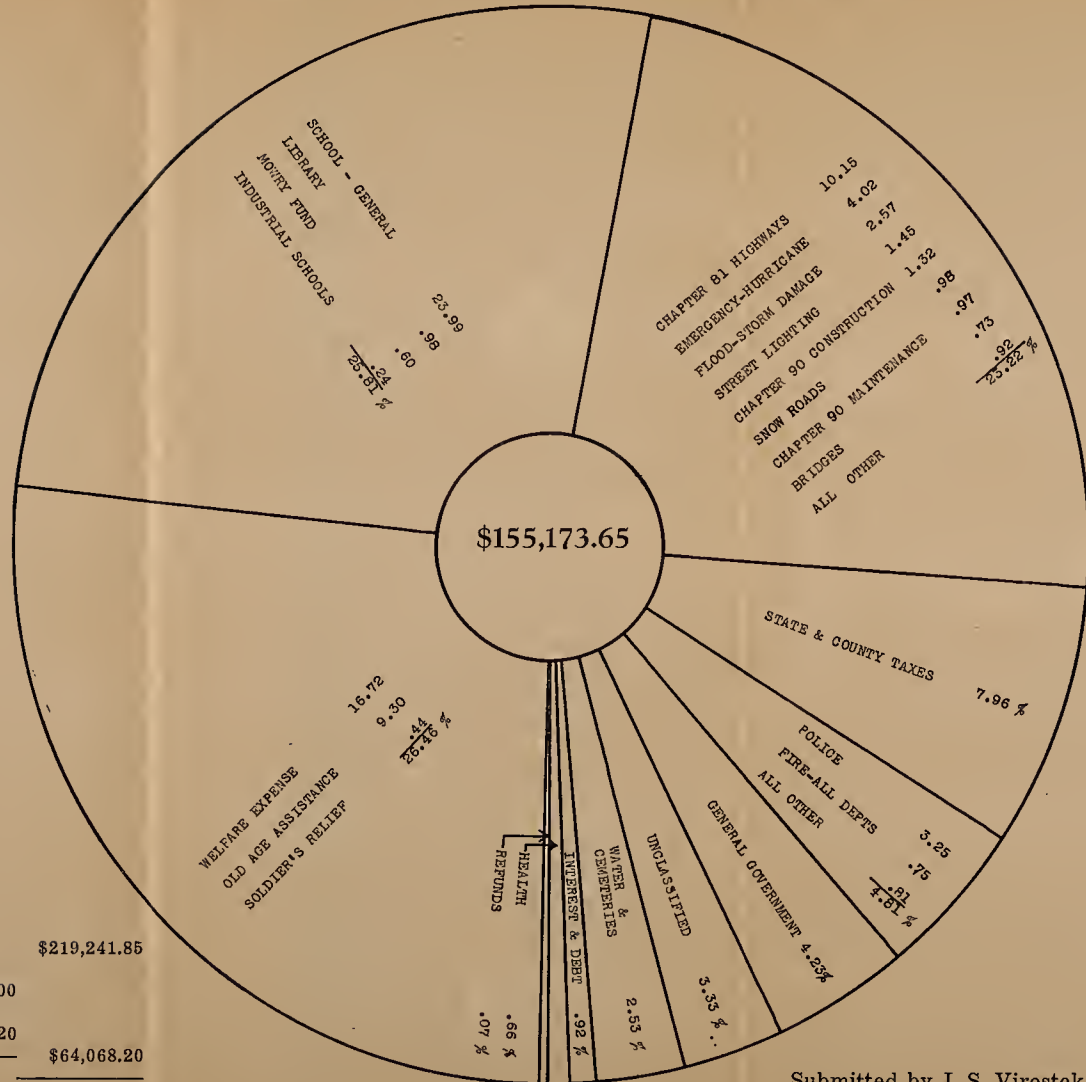
Receipts		Payments
	1938	
Income	\$1,116.25	
		Added to savings deposits .. \$31.25
		Transfer to town 1,085.00
	<hr/> \$1,116.25	<hr/> \$1,116.25

TABLE OF ACCOUNTS

TOWN OF DOUGLAS

	Balance January 1, 1933	Appropriations 1933	Income	Transferred from	Total	Expended	Transferred To	Overdrawn	Unexpended
Selectmen, Salaries		100.00			100.00	100.00			
Selectmen's Expenses		100.00	275.08	Reserve Fund	375.08	375.08			
Accountant's Salary		550.00			550.00	550.00			
Treasurer's Salary		300.00			300.00	300.00			
Treasurer's Expense		150.00	41.74	Reserve Fund	191.74	191.74			
Tax Collector's Salary		600.00			600.00	600.00			
Tax Collector's Expense		150.00			150.00	150.00			
Town Clerk's Salary		250.00			250.00	250.00			
Town Clerk's Expense		100.00	3.07	Reserve Fund	103.07	103.07			
Assessor's Salary		750.00			750.00	705.68			44.32
Assessor's Expense		50.00			50.00	49.78			.22
Town Counsel		300.00			300.00	300.00			
Registrars		60.00			60.00	60.00			
Election Expense		225.00	132.10	Reserve Fund	357.10	357.10			
Moderator		15.00			15.00	15.00			
New Town Hall Maintenance		900.00	182.70	Repairs Account	2,156.26	2,156.23			.03
Old Town Hall Maintenance			1,073.56	Trust Funds					
Town Officers' Bonds		50.00			50.00	44.47			5.53
Police		250.00	7.00	Reserve Fund	257.00	257.00			
Police—Town Hall Duty		4,500.00	405.12	Reserve Fund	4,905.12	4,905.12			
Fire Department		200.00			200.00	132.40			67.60
1937 Fire Station Repairs		700.00			700.00	699.47			.53
Sealer		52.00			52.00	52.00			
Tree Warden		50.00			50.00	48.22			1.78
Forest Fires		400.00	24.57	Reserve Fund	424.57	424.57			
Dog Officer		300.00	117.97	Reserve Fund	417.97	417.97			
Insurance		25.00			25.00	25.00			
Health, Salary		800.00			800.00	768.82			31.18
Health, Expense		25.00			25.00	25.00			
Meat Inspector		700.00	66.43	Reserve Fund	766.43	766.43			
Animal Inspector		75.00			75.00	75.00			
Vital Statistics		150.00			150.00	150.00			
Highways, Chapter 81		15.00			15.00	5.75			9.25
1938 Flood—Storm Damage, Ch. 498		5,250.00	10,500.00	State Allotment	15,750.00	15,749.35			.65
Highways, Chapter 90				State	4,000.00	3,995.83			4.17
Chapter 90, Maintenance Machinery Maintenance Fund	2,401.27	2,000.00			4,401.27	2,050.59	350.47	W. P. A. To Emergency	.21
Chapter 90, Insurance		500.00	1,000.00	State and County	1,500.00	1,499.88			.12
Bridges	1.52	100.00	949.21	Machinery Rentals	1,050.73	1,050.73			
Special Highways		200.00			200.00	200.00			
Railings		1,200.00			1,200.00	1,136.90			63.10
Snow Roads		100.00			100.00	47.38			52.62
Street Lighting		100.00			100.00	99.91			.09
Care of Watering Trough		1,425.00	75.69	Reserve Fund	1,500.69	1,500.69			
Care of Public Squares		2,350.00			2,350.00	2,249.68			100.32
Emergency Transfer from Town, State, County		5.00			5.00	5.00			
Emergency		25.00			25.00	25.00			
Public Welfare Salaries			8,000.00	Ch. 90 Money	8,000.00	4,724.15			3,275.85
Public Welfare			1,700.00	Gas Refund	1,700.00	1,692.16			7.84
Old Age Assistance, Clerk		450.00	300.00	Available Funds	750.00	717.45			32.55
Old Age Assistance, Expense			2,500.00	Tax Levy 1938					
Federal Grant to Aid Dependent Children89	12,000.00	9,000.00	Available Funds	23,500.00	23,499.99			.01
Federal Grant O. A. A. Adm.	40.11	500.00	500.00	Available Funds	1,000.00	916.68			83.32
Federal Grant O. A. A. Relief	26.86	7,500.00			7,500.00	7,458.89			41.11
State Aid									
Soldiers' Relief									
School Committee Salaries									
Schools, General Expense									
Industrial Schools									
Library									
W. P. A. Materials	2,022.41	1,500.00	{ 350.47 1,500.00	Ch. 90	5,372.88	4,701.92			670.96
American Legion Hall		100.00			100.00	100.00			
Memorial Day		150.00	10.83	Reserve Fund	160.83	160.83			
Care of Town Clock		30.00			30.00	30.00			
Printing Town Reports		175.00			175.00	174.50			.50
Cemetery		100.00			100.00	56.28			43.72
Water Commissioner's Salary		100.00			100.00	100.00			
Water Department—Expense		3,200.00	454.00	Water Surplus	3,654.00	3,653.49			.51
Interest		400.00	15.22	Reserve Fund	415.22	420.57		5.35	
Debt		1,000.00			1,000.00	1,000.00			
Reserve Fund		1,500.00			1,500.00	1,499.82	Various Accts.		.18
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	23.63		96.50	Trust Funds	120.13	111.00			9.13
Myron O. Mowry Fund, Income Acc't.	1,924.17		1,085.00		3,009.17	937.00			2,072.17
	6,440.86	94,247.00	49,031.98		153,744.84	144,205.85	2,350.47	5.35	7,193.87

“Wheel” of the Town’s Spending for 1938



Total Payments by Treasurer	\$219,241.85
Less:	
Temporary Loans	\$63,500.00
Dog Tax—	
Paid to County Treasurer	568.20
	<u>\$64,068.20</u>
Departmental Expenditures	\$155,173.65

Submitted by J. S. Virostek.

ADELINE PIERCE SANBORN LIBRARY FUND

In Custody of Treasurer

Receipts	Payments Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1938	\$161.96	\$161.96
On hand at end of year 1938	\$166.85	\$166.85

Receipts	Payments
1938	
Income \$4.89	Added to savings deposits ... \$4.89
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CARE OF GRAVES OF G. A. R. VETERANS FUND

In Custody of Treasurer

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1938	\$822.93	\$822.93
On hand at end of year 1938	\$834.16	\$834.16

Receipts	Payments
1938	
Income \$31.23	Added to savings deposits ... \$11.23
	Transfer to Town 20.00
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\$31.23	\$31.23
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MARY SOUTH CEMETERY LOTS FUND

In Custody of Treasurer

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1938	\$236.76	\$236.76
On hand at end of year 1938	\$240.73	\$240.73

Receipts

Payments

1938

Income	8.97	Added to savings deposits ...	\$3.97
		Transfer to town	5.00
	<u>\$8.97</u>		<u>\$8.97</u>

MONUMENT FUND—SONS OF VETERANS' POST No. 123

In Custody of Treasurer

		Savings	
		Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1938		\$101.57	\$101.57
On hand at end of year 1938		105.41	\$105.41

Receipts

Payments

1938

Income	\$3.84	Added to savings deposits	3.84
	<u></u>		<u></u>

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

In Custody of Treasurer

		Savings	
		Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1938		\$2,273.15	\$2,273.15
On hand at end of year 1938		\$2,274.90	\$2,274.90

Receipts

Payments

1938

Income	\$73.25	Added to Savings deposits ...	\$1.75
		Transfer to town	71.50
	<u>\$73.25</u>		<u>\$73.25</u>

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD H. ALDRICH.

Report of the Town Accountant

PAYMENTS 1938

General Government:

Selectmen's Salaries	100.00
Selectmen's Expense	375.08
Town Accountant's Salary	550.00
Town Treasurer's Salary	300.00
Town Treasurer's Expense	191.74
Tax Collector's Salary	600.00
Tax Collector's Expense	150.00
Town Clerk's Salary	250.00
Town Clerk's Expense	103.07
Assessor's Salary	705.68
Assessor's Expense	49.78
Town Counsel	300.00
Registrars	60.00
Election Expense	357.10
Moderator	15.00
New Town Hall Maintenance.....	2,156.23
Old Town Hall Maintenance.....	44.47
Town Officers' Bonds	257.00

\$6,565.15

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police	4,905.12
Police—Town Hall Duty	132.40
Fire Department	699.47
Sealer	48.22
1937 Fire Station Repairs	52.00
Tree Warden	424.57
Forest Fires	417.97
Dog Officer	25.00
Insurance	768.82

\$7,473.57

Health and Sanitation:

Health Agent's Salary	25.00
Health Expense	766.43
Meat Inspector	75.00
Animal Inspector	150.00
Vital Statistics	5.75

\$1,022.18

Highways:

Chapter 81—Highways	15,749.35
Chapter 90—Construction	2,050.59
Chapter 90—Maintenance	1,499.88
Machinery Maintenance Fund	1,050.73
Chapter 90—Insurance	200.00
Bridges	1,136.90
1938 Flood-Storm Damage	3,995.83
Special Highways	47.38
Emergency—1938 Ch. 90 Funds.....	4,724.15
Emergency—Gas Refund	1,692.16
Railings	99.91
Snow Roads	1,500.69
Street Lighting	2,249.68
Care of Watering Trough	5.00
Care of Public Squares	25.00

 \$36,027.25

Charities and Soldiers' Benefits:

Public Welfare Salaries	717.45
Public Welfare Expense	23,499.99
O. A. A. and Welfare Clerk	916.68
Old Age Assistance	7,458.89
Federal Grant—Aid to Dependent Children	817.00
Federal Grant—O. A. A. Adm.	221.42
Federal Grant—O. A. A. Relief	6,743.50
State Aid	30.00
Soldiers' Relief	656.50

 \$41,061.43

Schools and Libraries:

School Committee Salaries	200.00
School Expense	37,025.00
Industrial Schools	379.92
Library	1,505.94

 \$39,110.86

Recreation and Unclassified:

W. P. A. Materials	4,701.92
American Legion Hall	100.00
Memorial Day	160.83
Care of Town Clock	30.00
Printing Town Reports	174.50

 \$5,167.25

Enterprises and Cemeteries:

Cemetery—Douglas Center	56.28
Water Commissioner's Salary	100.00
Water Department Expense	3,653.49

\$3,809.77

Interest and Maturing Debt:

Debt—Town Hall Bond	1,000.00
Interest	420.57

\$1,420.57

Temporary Loans \$63,500.00

Refunds:

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	104.58
Real Estate Taxes	4.74

\$109.32

Agency, Trust and Investment:

Town Clerk, Dog Licenses, County	568.20
Myron O. Mowry Fund Income	937.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund—Income..	111.00

\$1,616.20

State and County Taxes:

State Tax	5,780.00
State Audit	400.78
State Parks and Reservations	80.14
State Veterans' Exemption	13.82
County Tax	3,786.79
County T. B. Hospital	2,296.77

\$12,358.30

Total Expenditures \$219,241.85

RECEIPTS

1938

General Revenue:

Taxes:

1938 Poll	\$ 1,376.00
1938 Real Estate	48,163.06
1937 Real Estate	4,793.20
1936 Real Estate	1,991.46

\$56,323.72

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:

Levy of 1938	3,668.13
Levy of 1937	442.69

 \$4,110.82

From State:

Mass. School Fund	4,011.69
Income Tax Part I Ch. 70 Schools	5,770.00
Income Tax Part I Ch. 70 Valuation ..	4,598.07
Corporation Taxes	15,355.04
Corp. Taxes, Gas, Light and Water...	1,681.96
Gas Refund Ch. 500	1,700.00
Federal Emergency Relief Fund.....	11.11

 \$33,127.87

Licenses and Permits:

Liquor Licenses	848.00
All Other	111.50

 \$959.50

Fines:

Court	75.00
Library	81.52

 \$156.52

Grants and Gifts:

Aid to Industrial Schools	196.04
Union Superintendent	773.33
Loss of Taxes	314.31
Sale of Town Owned Land	198.45

 \$1,482.13

Federal Grants:

Old Age Assistance	6,726.50
Administration	224.16
Aid to Dependent Children	883.36

 \$7,834.02

From County:

Dog License Refund	506.70
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 \$506.70

Departmental Collections:

General Government:

Town Hall Rentals	647.40
Old Town Hall Rentals	51.00

 \$698.40

Protection of Persons and Property:

Fire Truck Rentals	10.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	16.92

 \$26.92

Health and Sanitation:

Health—State	248.71
Animal Inspector—State	75.00

 \$323.71

Highways:

State Chapter 81	9,342.47
State Chapter 90	5,499.99
State Chapter 90 Maintenance	180.19
County Chapter 90 Maintenance	180.19
County Chapter 90	2,999.82
State—1938—Flood-Storm Damage ..	4,000.00
Machinery Rentals	1,270.00

 \$23,472.66

Charities:

Relief, Individual	31.00
Relief, Cities and Towns	698.54
Relief, State	4,295.65
Old Age Assistance, State	4,423.69
Old Age Assistance, Towns—Cities ..	384.66
State Aid	120.00
Aid to Dependent Children	1,308.01

 \$11,261.55

Schools:

Tuition of State Wards	129.48
Other Tuition	110.00

 \$239.48

Unclassified:		
Miscellaneous Rebates	7.85	
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		\$7.85
Commercial Revenue:		
Water	5,011.31	
Pipe	22.67	
Labor	10.50	
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		\$5,044.48
Interest:		
Excise Taxes:		
Current Year	42.36	
Previous Year	26.11	
Real Estate:		
Current Year	34.01	
Previous Year	276.12	
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		\$378.60
Agency, Trust and Investment:		
Dog Licenses	568.20	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	96.50	
Myron O. Mowry Fund, Income	1,085.00	
Moses Wallis Devise, Income	1,073.56	
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		\$2,823.26
Temporary Loans	65,500.00	
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		\$65,500.00
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Total Receipts for 1938		\$214,278.19
Balance January 1, 1938	8,710.37	
Receipts, 1938	214,278.19	
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		\$222,988.56
Payments, 1938	219,241.85	
Balance December 31, 1938	3,746.71	
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		\$222,988.56

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH S. VIROSTEK.

Auditor's Report

March 8, 1939.

To the Board of Selectmen

Mr. Winfield A. Shuster, Chairman,
Douglas, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Douglas for the year ending December 31, 1938, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

THEODORE N. WADDELL,

Director of Accounts.

Mr. Theodore N. Waddell,
Director of Accounts,
Department of Corporations and Taxation,
State House, Boston.
Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Douglas for the year ending December 31, 1938, and report thereon as follows:

The financial transactions, as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town were examined and checked for the period of the audit.

The books and accounts in the town accountant's office were examined and checked. The recorded receipts were verified by a comparison with the treasurer's records, while the disbursements as recorded were checked with the selectmen's warrants authorizing payments and with the treasurer's books.

The appropriations and transfers voted by the town, as shown by the town clerk's records, were checked to the accountant's ledger. The ledger accounts were analyzed, a trial balance was taken off, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on December 31, 1938.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The cash book was footed and the recorded receipts were analyzed and checked with the records of the several departments collecting money for the town and with the other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury, while the payments were checked with the selectmen's warrants authorizing the treasurer to disburse town funds.

The cash on hand on January 30, 1939, was verified and the bank balances were reconciled with statements furnished by the banks.

The debt and interest payments were checked with the amounts falling due during the period covered by the audit and with the cancelled securities on file.

The savings bank books and securities representing the investments of the trust funds in the custody of the treasurer were examined, the income being proved and the disbursements verified.

The tax title deeds representing liens on real estate were listed, and the amounts transferred to the tax title account were checked with the collector's books and with the records in the Registry of Deeds.

In connection with expenditures for highway projects carried on by the town in conjunction with the State and county, attention is called to the fact that such expenditures may not exceed the aggregate amount of the appropriations voted by the town, together with the amounts actually received on account of allotments. Whenever the reimbursements from the State and County are not received in time to provide funds for the payment of pay-rolls and materials, temporary loans under the provisions of Section 6A, Chapter 44, General Laws, may be issued by the treasurer.

The books and accounts of the collector of taxes were examined and checked in detail. The commitments of taxes were examined and verified by a comparison with the assessors' warrants. The recorded collections were checked to the commitment books, the payments to the treasurer were verified by a comparison with the treasurer's books, the abatements were compared with the assessors' records of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved with the accountant's ledger accounts.

Verification of the outstanding accounts was made by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the commitment books as owing money to the town, and from the replies received it appears that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The records of licenses and permits issued by the selectmen and town clerk were examined and checked, and the payments to the State and to the town treasurer were verified.

The charges for the rental of municipal buildings were checked and verified, and the recorded receipts were proved with the payments to the treasurer.

The securities representing the investment of the Devise of Moses Wallis, in the custody of the elected agent, were examined and checked. The income was verified and the disbursements were proved.

The surety bonds of the officials required by law to furnish them were examined and found to be in proper form.

In addition to the departments mentioned the books and accounts of the sealer of weights and measures, and of the fire, public welfare, school, library, and water departments were examined and checked, and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

During the audit cooperation was extended by all town officials, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE,

Assistant Director of Accounts.

Board of Assessors

1938

Assessed Valuation of the Town:

Personal	\$149,194.00	
Real Estate, buildings	1,040,975.00	
Land	377,036.00	
		\$1,567,205.00
Motor Vehicle Value		127,544.00
Rate of Taxation per \$1000.		37.00
Amount of tax on property		57,986.58
Amount of tax on Polls		1,428.00
Amount of Motor Vehicle Excise		3,809.47
Number of firms and persons assessed		571
Number of horses assessed		64
Number of cows assessed		162
Number of neat other than cows		36
Number of swine assessed		8
Number of sheep assessed		12
Number of fowl assessed		3,821
Number of dwellings assessed		519
Number of acres of land assessed		17,474.10
Purposes for which taxes are assessed		
State Tax	estimated	\$2,720.00
Underestimate		232.50
State Parks and reservations		72.53
State underestimate		20.84
Veterans exemption		12.88
Auditing Account (State)		400.78
County Tax		3,784.98
To be raised in 1938, vote of Dec. 27, 1937		2,500.00
County Tuberculosis Hospital		2,296.77
Town Charges and notes due		103,065.16
Overlay, Current year		2,184.22

FERDINAND J. LIBBY, Chairman,
LUCIUS J. MARSH, JR., Clerk,
IRVING FISHER,

Assessors of Douglas.

Report of Agent Moses Wallis Devise

To the Town of Douglas

For the Year Engling December 31, 1938

The Agent charges himself with amounts due the Devise January 1, 1938, as follows:

Los Angeles School District Bonds, 5%	16,201.50	
Amortization	538.72	
		15,662.78
City of Detroit Bonds, 4½%	5,250.00	
Amortization	107.75	
		5,142.25
Jersey City Water Bonds, 4½%	5,231.50	
Amortization	81.38	
		5,150.12
		25,955.15
Whitinsville National Bank		2,470.84
Dividend Bonds, Detroit		150.00
		2,620.84
		28,575.99
Value to keep permanent		27,502.43
		1,073.56
Due Town Treasurer		
The Agent has received as follows:		
1938		
Balance		2,620.84
Feb. 6 County of Los Angeles, Interest	375.00	
Apr. 1 Jersey City, Interest	112.50	
Aug. 6 County of Los Angeles, Interest	375.00	
Aug. 1 City of Detroit, Interest	4.88	
Oct. 1 Jersey City, Interest	112.50	
Oct. 4 City of Detroit, Interest	225.00	
		1,204.88
		3,825.72

The Agent has paid out as follows:

1938			
June	14	Town Treasurer	1,073.56
Dec.	28	Salary, Agent	75.00
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			\$2,677.16
		Balance	3,825.72

PRESENT VALUE OF DEVISE

December 31, 1938

\$15,000.00	Los Angeles School District		
	Bonds, 5%	16,201.50	
	Amortization	580.16	
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			15,621.34
\$5,000.00	Jersey City Water Bonds, 4½%...	5,231.50	
	Amortization	87.64	
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			5,143.86
\$5,000.00	City of Detroit Bonds, 4½%	5,250.00	
	Amortization	116.37	
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			5,133.63
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			25,898.83
	Whitinsville National Bank.....	2,527.16	
	Detroit Bond Dividend	150.00	
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			2,677.16
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			28,575.99
	Value to keep permanent	27,502.43	
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	Due Town Treasurer	1,073.56	

Respectfully submitted,

GILBERT W. ROWLEY,

Agent.

Town Clerk's Report

To the Citizens of the Town of Douglas:

Following is my fifth Annual Report as Town Clerk:

MARRIAGES, 1938

January

- 20 Alfred F. Winchell of Uxbridge, Mass., and Philomene T. Yacino of East Douglas, Mass. Rev. Harry Tuttle, East Douglas, Mass.
- 29 Joseph LeRoy Herbert of East Douglas, Mass., and Catherine Bombara of East Douglas, Mass. Joseph S. Virostek, Justice of the Peace, East Douglas, Mass.
- 29 Lawrence S. Voss of Uxbridge, Mass., and Ruth Chase Sweet of East Douglas, Mass. Rev. W. Reed Usher, East Douglas, Mass.

February

- 5 Paul Alexander Marceau of Pascoag, R. I., and Rose Carter of Pascoag, R. I. Joseph S. Virostek, Justice of the Peace, East Douglas, Mass.
- 5 Andrew Mezaro of East Douglas, Mass., and Sophie Yerka of East Douglas, Mass. Rev. George V. O'Rourke, East Douglas, Mass.

March

- 4 Raymond A. Messier of Sutton, Mass., and Marie A. Gautreau of East Douglas, Mass. Rev. John H. Moseley, Saundersville, Mass.

April

- 30 Joseph H. Smith, Jr., of East Douglas, Mass., and Evelyn Piehl of Webster, Mass. Rev. Henry M. Lawrence, Webster, Mass.

May

- 1 _____
- 7 Arthur Lavalley of Sutton, Mass., and Mary E. Kurtyka of East Douglas, Mass. Rev. George V. O'Rourke, East Douglas, Mass.
- 7 Anthony E. Pitula of East Douglas, Mass., and Genevieve S. Kurtyka of East Douglas, Mass. Rev. George V. O'Rourke, East Douglas, Mass.

13 _____

- 28 Earl McCann of Douglas, Mass., and Frances J. Walden of Thompson, Ct. Rev. George V. O'Rourke, East Douglas, Mass.
- 28 Henry N. Hindon of East Douglas, Mass., and Rose E. (Lewis) Palmer of East Douglas, Mass. Rev. Vernon H. Deming, North Attleboro, Mass.
- 28 Earl Francis Carter of Douglas, Mass., and Vera Mae Blodgett of North Uxbridge, Mass. Rev. Roy B. Wintersteen, Uxbridge, Mass.
- 28 Morton E. Simmons of East Douglas, Mass., and Helvie M. Strom of North Uxbridge, Mass. Rev. Roy Winterstien, Uxbridge, Mass.

June

- 25 Homer Harold Aldrich of East Douglas, Mass., and Blanche Lamontagne of Northbridge, Mass. Rev. J. Horace Gelineau, Northbridge, Mass.
- 25 George Everett Jones of East Douglas, Mass., and Lucy Jane Dudley of Douglas, Mass. Rev. W. Reed Usher, East Douglas, Mass.
- 25 Joseph F. Tomaszek of East Douglas, Mass., and Mary Louise Grayauski of East Douglas, Mass. Rev. George V. O'Rourke, East Douglas, Mass.

July

- 9 Charles Cody of Webster, Mass., and Katherine Bombara of East Douglas, Mass. Rev. George V. O'Rourke, East Douglas, Mass.
- 30 Carl A. Lekberg of Millis, Mass., and Louisa Manning of Millis, Mass. Rev. W. Reed Usher, East Douglas, Mass.

August

- 6 John Cnossen of East Douglas, Mass., and Fannie Yacino of East Douglas, Mass. Charles Ward Johnson, Justice of the Peace, Worcester, Mass.
- 6 James Shepard of Putnam, Ct., and Sophie Kozlowski of Putnam, Ct. Joseph S. Virostek, Justice of the Peace, East Douglas, Mass.

September

- 3 Albert Campochiaro of Southington, Ct., and Ann Eva Bezik of East Douglas, Mass. Rev. George V. O'Rourke, East Douglas, Mass.
- 3 Wilbur R. McCallum of Douglas, Mass., and Genevieve Kasavich of Blackstone, Mass. Rev. William F. Koonsen, East Douglas, Mass.

- 5 Nicholas J. Yonta of Moosup, Ct., and Amelia A. Salatiello of East Douglas, Mass. Rev. George V. O'Rourke, East Douglas, Mass.
- 20 Clinton D. Fish of East Douglas, Mass., and Myrtie E. (Corbin) Wallis of East Douglas, Mass. Rev. William F. Koonsen, East Douglas, Mass.
- 24 Rudolph F. Rinfrette of Pascoag, R. I., and Sophie M. Makowski of Douglas, Mass. Rev. George V. O'Rourke, East Douglas, Mass.

October

- 1 Henry Thayer Peters of Douglas, Mass., and Blenda Josephine Kihlberg of Sutton, Mass. Rev. Albert J. Laurell, Worcester, Mass.
- 1 Edward F. Casey of East Douglas, Mass., and Frances Kraus of North Uxbridge, Mass. Rev. Joseph H. Boutin, Uxbridge, Mass.
- 6 Anthony Coppola of East Douglas, Mass., and Charlotte McCarthy of Franklin, Mass. Rev. James J. Hamilton, Franklin, Mass.
- 10 Doriva Joseph Peloquin of Northbridge, Mass., and Bertha Rolande Beauregard of East Douglas, Mass. Rev. George V. O'Rourke, East Douglas, Mass.
- 15 Harold P. Dudley of Douglas, Mass., and Mary Zehre of New Britain, Ct. Rev. A. P. Engstram, Southwick, Mass.

November

- 5 Edward Bedard of North Uxbridge, Mass., and Catherine Bombara of East Douglas, Mass. Rev. George V. O'Rourke, East Douglas, Mass.
- 5 Peter Kelly of Sutton, Mass., and Viola Bannister of Sutton, Mass. Joseph S. Virostek, Justice of the Peace, East Douglas, Mass.
- 12 John J. Stanick of East Douglas, Mass., and Marion VanSlett of Farnumsville, Mass. Rev. William Joseph Lucey, So. Grafton, Mass.
- 19 Howard George Riley of Northbridge, Mass., and Leona C. Bourdon of Sutton, Mass. Rev. George V. O'Rourke, East Douglas, Mass.
- 19 John A. Stefanov of East Douglas, Mass., and Mary A. Chupka of East Douglas, Mass. Rev. George V. O'Rourke, East Douglas, Mass.
- 24 Joseph Roche of Whitinsville, Mass., and Anna Vecchione of East Douglas, Mass. Rev. George V. O'Rourke, East Douglas, Mass.

- 24 Raymond E. Young of Glendale, R. I., and Frances F. Senkarik of East Douglas, Mass. Rev. George V. O'Rourke, East Douglas, Mass.
- 26 Lawrence Louis Gonsorcik of East Douglas, Mass., and Dolores Boratea of Worcester, Mass. Rev. August Petraitis, Worcester, Mass.

December

- 12 George C. Munyan of Thompson, Ct., and Rose Walden of Thompson, Ct. Rev. William F. Koonsen, East Douglas, Mass.
- 31 Hazen McCallum of Douglas, Mass., and Marjorie Rollins of Whitinsville, Mass. Rev. W. Reed Usher, East Douglas, Mass.

BIRTHS, 1938

January

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|----|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| 9 | George Louis Evengelidis | Louis K. and Theadora Gaba |
| 24 | Betsey Brown Robinson | Charles W. and Dorothy Brown |

February

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|----|-------------------|--------------------------|
| 9 | Stanley Mielnicki | Stanley and Anna Bahleda |
| 12 | Patricia George | James and Cecelia Geotis |
| 20 | William N. Chomes | William and Edna Doyon |

March

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|----|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 10 | Marie Teresa Leonette Chagnon | Philip N. and Olivet P. Desmarais |
| 29 | Nancy Anne Laincz | John F. and Anna A. Gressak |
| 30 | Marie Denise Lavergne | Maurice and Nolea Chagnon |
| 31 | Ronald J. Kostka | Jacob A. and Jean J. Tetreault |

April

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|----|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| 3 | Joel A. Smith | John A. and Elin M. Anderson |
| 7 | Mary C. Heald | Roswell H. and Mary H. Molloy |
| 19 | Patricia May Chiras | Michael and Alice Brule |
| 19 | Paul James Chupka | John and Mary Wasilonsky |
| 20 | Barbara Mae Buxton | Harold and Doris Manning |
| 22 | _____ | _____ |
| 30 | Anna May Bosma | Gilbert and Winnie Frieswick |

May

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|----|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| 3 | Rose Marie Jussaume | Edward and Emma Doyon |
| 7 | Gail Arnold Spooner | Raymond H. and Kathleen Arnold |
| 11 | Elaine Yacino | James and Lillian T. Rizzuti |
| 17 | Donald Peters | Stephen and Dorothy Piasta |
| 31 | Roger Jussaume | Raymond and Marie Petrie |
| 31 | Justin Andrew Paine | Edgar and Elizabeth Kuzawa |

June

13	Alice Mary Guay	Albert and Mary Szczepaniak
13	Eleanor Mary Manyak	Stephen and Anna Stefanek
18	Charles Louis Boskin	Charles and Victoria Trajanowski
27	Richard Lee Bloniasz	Stanley and Eva Cassista
28	Elaine Jabrocki	Andrew and Adelle Duprex

July

12	Marguerite Ida Valcourt	Louis and Marguerite Therrien
29	Albert Oaron Feldman	Archie and Belle Gabriel

August

6	Barbara J. Bolduc	Valmore F. and Irene C. Grenier
7	Joan Frances Powers	Jack F. and Louise C. O'Connor
27	Carol Ann Monroe	Edward and Blanche Adams
29	Mary A. Zemianek	Paul and Helen V. Laincz
31	Robert Eugene Wallis	Chester and Marion Lapham

September

3	Ernest Charles Adams	Ernest A. and Inez Aldrich
11	Randall Conrad	Everett and Hazel Langton
15	Lee James Hickey	James and Lydia Peters
16	Roland Allan Nederoscik	Joseph and Helen Baneck
20	Jerome Thomas Kocur	Andrew and Catherine Gressack
20	Louis Rosair Boudreau	Aldei F. and Mathilda Martineau
24	Margaret Alace Barber	Joseph and Jennie Lambert

October

9	Anna Marie Valliere	Edward and Stasia Poplawski
10	Philip Gordon Wheeler	Cecil and Helen Metcalf
28	Arthur Joseph Breault	Arthur and Dorothea Maxim
28	Patricia M. Vecchione	Ferdinand and Helen Ferdinandi

November

1	David Michael Bacca	Michael A. and Mary Slacktowsky
6	Janice Mary Scott	Harold E. and Mary A. gorpey
19	Sue Ann Sullivan	Ralph and Anna Colt

December

5	Janet May Yacino	Louis and Lillian Horton
17	Tracy Leroy Horne, Jr.	Tracy and Mary Bloniasz
23	Susan Helen Nedoroscik	Joseph and Susan Zelonka

DEATHS, 1938

		<i>Years</i>	<i>Months</i>	<i>Days</i>
<i>January</i>				
6	George Andrew Koslak	57	3	—
29	Unknown Baby	—	—	—
<i>March</i>				
8	Mary Charlotte Knights	89	7	—
15	Anna Neilson Olson	69	9	5
22	May Ann Wylie	68	7	—
<i>April</i>				
10	Eleanor Keith Bates	76	3	18
15	Victoria (Auclair) Tondreau	63	11	29
22	Martha McBrundage	84	8	—
22		—	—	—
<i>June</i>				
3	Roger Jussaume	—	—	3
22	Mary Hunt	81	—	—
30	Catherine (Peloquin) Hewitt	67	4	27
<i>August</i>				
3	Jared Wilbur Randall	89	—	—
8	James E. Meehan	73	8	28
8	Onesine Harvieux	72	7	2
<i>October</i>				
16	Mary Eliza Brown	87	4	12
28	Martin Martinsen	55	8	—
<i>December</i>				
11	William Therrien	56	5	—
25	Mary D. Chapdelaine	50	4	11
31	Joseph Lawrence Landor	35	3	27

Collector's Report

To the Citizens of Douglas:

Following is my Eighteenth Annual Report:

TAXES 1935

Overpayment to Treasurer to be refunded 1938	\$	1.78
Overpayment to Treasurer refunded 1938.....		1.78

TAXES 1936

Outstanding January 1, 1938		\$2,050.18
Payments to Treasurer	\$1,991.46	
Abatements	15.52	
Tax title taken by town	43.20	
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		\$2,050.18

TAXES 1937

Outstanding January 1, 1938		\$7,975.51
Payments to Treasurer	\$4,793.20	
Abatements	12.78	
Added to tax titles	47.25	
Outstanding December 31, 1938	3,122.28	
		<hr/>
		\$7,975.51

TAXES 1938

Commitment per warrants	\$59,414.67	
Additional commitment	96.95	
Abatement and payment refunded	2.96	
		\$59,514.58
Payments to Treasurer	\$49,539.06	
Abatements	182.16	
Added to tax titles	99.90	
Outstanding December 31, 1938	9,693.46	
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		\$59,514.58

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES 1937

Outstanding January 1, 1938	\$429.83	
Commitment	33.19	
Abatements and payments refunded	20.98	
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		\$484.00
Payments to Treasurer	442.69	
Abatements	41.31	
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		\$484.00

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES 1938

Commitments per warrants	\$3,789.12	
Abatements and payments refunded	83.60	
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		\$3,872.72
Payments to Treasurer	\$3,668.13	
Abatements	97.66	
Outstanding December 31, 1938	106.93	
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		\$3,872.72

INTEREST AND COSTS

Collections 1938:

Taxes:

Levy of 1936	\$145.87
Levy of 1937	128.16
Levy of 1938	32.89

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:

Levy of 1937	27.38
Levy of 1938	44.30

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		\$378.60
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Payments to Treasurer 1938		\$378.60

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD L. WILLIAMS,

Collector.

Report of the Police Department

January 1, 1939.

Mr. Winfield A. Schuster, Chairman,
Board of Selectmen,
Douglas, Massachusetts.
Dear Sir:

I herewith submit the annual report of the Police Department for the year 1938.

ORGANIZATION

Chief

Karl T. Howe

Sergeant

Chester C. Fulone

Patrolmen

Joseph Kostka Warren Johnson Edward Balcom Charles McCue

Special Officers

Earl Ballou

John Hanley

Harry Johnston

The accident situation shows improvement over 1937. There were no fatal accidents during 1938—as against two in 1937. Two accidents in 1938 involved slight personal injury. Seven during 1937 resulted in personal injury of a more or less serious nature. Five children were struck and injured in the streets during 1937. No child has been injured in the streets this year by an automobile.

Careless operation of motor vehicles is still in evidence, but the situation as regards speeding is somewhat improved. Suspension of operators' licenses, and revocation of plates, in connection with violations of the Motor Vehicle Laws, seems to be more effective than court procedure, in obtaining the desired results. This method of handling violators of the Motor Vehicle Laws will be carried out to a greater extent in 1939, in an effort to still further curb needless accidents.

Detailed reports, in accordance with the law, have been filed with the Board of Selectmen, regarding the elimination of certain existing traffic hazards and danger areas.

During and following the September hurricane twenty Special Officers were assigned to duty for the protection of persons and property, and the regulation of traffic.

No molestation of property was reported during this period. No personal injury occurred to either pedestrians or the occupants of cars during or after the storm, as all streets in a dangerous condition, due to live wires and falling limbs were immediately closed to traffic.

Twenty-seven emergency telegrams were delivered, including two death notices, and fifteen were sent out, some by the way of radio, and their receipt verified.

Four emergency trips to hospitals were made with workmen injured in the cleaning up process after the storm. Three other night trips were made to hospitals in connection with emergencies, with the police cruiser during the year.

The Department secured membership in the New England Police and Bank Revolver League shortly after the first of the year. The services of an instructor in small arms was made available through the League. In March, all Officers had qualified, in accordance with the requirements of the League, as either "Experts" or "Sharpshooters," the two highest ratings. The Massachusetts membership in the League is composed of about sixty Police Departments, and other law enforcement agencies, exclusive of banks. Its object is to properly train Police Officers in the use of firearms. Law enforcement officers pay a heavy toll yearly, in deaths and injuries, because of poor training, or lack of any training at all, which until very recently, has been the rule in police departments throughout the country.

Membership was secured by the Chief in the Massachusetts Police Chiefs' Association. This organization is composed of the Chiefs of Police of one hundred and eighteen Massachusetts towns and cities. Its object is to provide better and more intelligent service to the towns and cities represented by its membership. This is made possible by the dissemination of general information and facts that may be useful to all; by open discussions at monthly meetings, of various problems encountered by individual departments; by a legislative committee, who at all times keeps in close touch with all proposed legislation, and is instrumental in the passage of laws that will be of decided benefit to the general public, and at the same time aid Police Officers in the more efficient performance of their duties.

The arrest report is of interest. Of the 21 persons arrested for felonies—3 were residents. The total number of residents arrested is lower than in 1937, both in actual number, and in proportion to the whole. Sixty-nine per cent of the total of all arrests were made

previous to July 1st. A sudden increase in criminal activity concurs with any general unemployment situation which existed during the first six months of the current year. Sixty-five per cent of this total were made for crimes against property, such as larceny, and breaking and entering and larceny.

The number of complaints received shows an increase, but the increase is due to merely "routine" according to our records. The number of complaints received and investigations made for other Departments shows an increase—and concurrent with this, increases in the number of hours spent in the investigation of these complaints, and in court, are evidenced.

Various suggestions and recommendations which I believe would tend to increase the efficiency of the Department, and at the same time benefit the Town, have been submitted to your Board, in detail, from time to time during the year, in accordance with law.

We wish to express, through the medium of this report, our appreciation for the co-operation given us by the telephone operators at the local exchange. Without this splendid and whole-hearted co-operation, the efficiency of the Department would have been seriously hampered on numerous occasions.

ACTIVITY REPORT

CRIMINAL

Complaints received (all natures)	276
Cmpaints investigated	251
Investigations for other Departments	74
Hours of investigation	940
Hours Court—all Officers	350
Arrests	84
Value Stolen Property Recovered and Returned to Owners..	\$3,510.00
Stolen Cars Recovered	1

TRAFFIC

Cars Stopped—Violations Motor Vehicle Laws—Warned and Booked	217
Operators Summoned to Court—Violation of Motor Vehicle Laws	55
Cars Stopped for Check of License, Occupants, etc.	355
Operators' Licenses Suspended—Violation Motor Vehicle Laws	25
Registrations revoked—Violation Motor Vehicle Laws	7
Cars Tagged for Violation Town By-Laws—Parking	81
Summons Served—Local for other Departments	27

Motor Vehicle Transfers Checked and Approved	29
Accidents:	
Personal Injury	2
Property Damage	10
Total	12
Total Fines and Assessments	\$283.00

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

Tours Special Duty—All Officers	399
Street Lights Found Out and Reported	29
Doors to Business Places Found Unlocked and Secured.....	8
Business Places Found with Night Lights Out—Checked...	14
Lost Property Returned to Owners—Value	\$230.00
Insane Persons Committed	4
Death Notices Delivered	7
Obstructions in Highways Found and Removed	7
Defects in Highways Noted and Reported to Supervisor....	6
Stray Dogs Shot	4
Missing Persons Located	4
Communications Received	346
Communications Sent Out	390

CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENCES FOR WHICH ARRESTS WERE MADE

Absentee, Habitual	1
Assault, Indecent	1
Assault and Battery	3
Assault to Rob	1
Automobile, Taking Without Authority	1
Accosting and Disorderly Conduct	2
Adultery	1
Accessory Before Fact to a Felony	1
Accessory After Fact to a Felony	1
Breaking, Entering and Larceny (day time)	2
Breaking, Entering and Larceny (night time)	9
Bastardy	1
Collecting Junk Without a License	4
Delinquent Children:	
Larceny	1
Lewdness	1
Total	2

Disturbing the Peace	3
Default (Capias)	1
Drunk	12
Escaped Patient	1
Failure to Stop on Signal of Officer	1
Insane Persons	4
Larceny	4
Leaving the Scene of an Accident	4
Larceny from a Building	3
Lewdness	1
Misconduct	1
Non-Support (Warrant)	1
Neglected Children	6
Neglect to Provide (Warrant)	1
Neglect of Minor Children (Warrant)	1
Operating Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Liquor	3
Operating Unregistered Motor Vehicle	1
Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle	1
Profanity (Warrant)	1
Receiving Stolen Property	1
Vagrancy	1
Violation of Probation	1
Unnatural Act	1
Total	84
Minors	8
Felonies	21
Misdemeanors (excludes minors)	55
Residents (excludes minors)	22
Non-Residents	54
Males	79
Females	5
Bound Over to Grand Jury	17
Sentenced to Jails and Institutions for Correction.....	27
Cases Pending January 1, 1939	2

During the past year this department was subjected to several non-recurring activities. Needless to say the expenditures exceeding the appropriations allotted for this department at the annual town meeting were due directly to these non-recurring activities, i.e., hurricane, special investigations of thefts in town, patrolling highways damaged by storms.

Respectfully submitted,

KARLE T. HOWE,

Chief of Police.

Report of the Fire Department

Town Appropriation		\$700.00
Expenditures:		
Fire Chief Salary	100.00	
Fire Company Salaries	273.00	
Janitor	70.50	
Miscellaneous Labor at Station	6.50	
Fire Hose	70.00	
Fire Truck—Expense	48.05	
Fuel	37.30	
Light	8.25	
Repairs at Station	3.97	
Telephones	79.95	
All other95	
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		\$699.47
Unexpended Balance53
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	\$700.00
Estimated fire loss for 1938	\$1,000.00
Number of Alarms answered	38
26 Chimneys, 3 House, 2 Barns, 3 Grass, 1 Auto, 1 Brush, 2 False Alarms.	

FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL:

Charles Anderson, Chief
 Joseph Vecchione, Ass't. Chief
 Felix Vecchione, Engineer
 William Van Ness, Secretary
 Edmund Bruno, Treasurer
 Harold Buxton
 Louis Bloniasz
 Herbert E. Gove
 Fred Cabana
 Joseph Bruno
 Kenneth McMahon
 Harold Anderson
 Lawrence Kolumber
 Albert Frost
 Stephen Kosiar

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. ANDERSON, Chief.

Report of the Forest Fire Department

To the Selectmen and citizens of Douglas:

During the year 1938 the forest fire department received 21 calls to fight fire: 4 of these calls were for grass fires that burned a total of only four and half acres with very little damage resulting; 9 of the calls were to put out fires in second growth woodland with some forty-two and a half acres being burned before the fires were placed under control; on 2 other occasions the local department assisted the forest fire departments of Webster and Sutton on the boundary lines; 6 other alarms were answered and found to be false.

Throughout the year some 228 permits to burn brush and rubbish were issued by me as Forest Warden.

I urge all citizens and residents of this town to be on the alert this spring for forest fires and everyone of us must be extra careful to prevent forest fires. The work of the W. P. A. crews and the C. C. C. boys at the local camp is daily reducing the forest fire hazard but its menace will not be entirely eliminated by spring.

The Selectmen have informed me that plans are being made to furnish the department with a truck which will be equipped with a pump and approximately one half mile of hose. With this new additional equipment the department will be better prepared to face this forest fire menace, possibly the greatest in the Town's history.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY A. PETERS,

Forest Warden

Report of the Tree Warden

1938 Appropriation		\$400.00
Reserve Fund Transfer		24.57
The Northern Tree Expert Co.	\$365.00	
Palmer, Massachusetts		
Paul D. Manning, Insurance	24.72	
Sundry persons, labor	29.00	
W. R. Wallis Lumber Co.	3.35	
Charles C. Krull	2.50	
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		\$424.57

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES FULONE.

Report of the Highway Commissioner

December 31, 1938.

Chapter 81 Highways:

Appropriated by Town	\$ 5,250.00	
Allotment by State	10,500.00	Total \$15,750.00
Earl Ballou, Supt. as per wages		\$1,079.52
Earl Ballou, Car. 1084 hrs. @ .20		216.80
C. L. Church, Foreman 768 hrs. @ .60		460.80
H. W. Buxton, Truck & driver 862 hrs. @ 1.50		1,293.00
D. E. Caswell, Truck & driver 774 hrs. @ 1.50		1,161.00
Nellie Parker, Truck & driver 898 hrs. @ 1.50		1,347.00
W. H. Dudley, Truck & driver 741 hrs. @ 1.50		1,111.50
E. S. Chase, Double Team 123 hrs. @ 1.00		123.00
Roy Kenyon, Double Team 22 hrs. @ 1.00		22.00
Earl McCann, Tractor oper. 654 hrs. @ .60 ...		392.40
Earl McCann, Labor 435 hrs. @ .50		217.50
Everett Ballou, Grader oper. 569 hrs. @ .60 ..		341.40
Everett Ballou, Labor 204 hrs. @ .50		102.00
Clifford Lunn, Grader oper. 32 hrs. @ .60		19.20
Clifford Lunn, Labor 769 hrs. @ .50		384.50
Carmine Ferno, Labor 979 hrs. @ .50		489.50
Stanley Krouse, Labor 800 hrs. @ .50		400.00
Alfred Miller, Labor 936 hrs. @ .50		468.00
Harold Keith, Labor 146 hrs. @ .50		73.00
Albert Valcourt, Labor 906 hrs. @ .50		453.00
Harold Dudley, Labor 10 hrs. @ .50		5.00
Gustavus Wellman, Labor 56 hrs. @ .50		28.00
James Murphy, Labor 679 hrs. @ .50		339.50
Jesse Chase, Labor 259 hrs. @ .50		129.50
Irving Fisher, Labor 10 hrs. @ .50		5.00
Paul Manning Jr., Labor 5 hrs. @ .50		2.50
D. E. Caswell Jr., Labor 20 hrs. @ .50		10.00
Edward Balcom, Labor 4 hrs. @ .50		2.00
Lewis Fisk, Labor 262 hrs. @ .50		131.00
Michael Kocur, Labor 483 hrs. @ .50		241.50
Donah Bonville, Labor 298 hrs. @ .50		149.00
Alfred Lafferriere, Labor 160 hrs. @ .50		80.00
W. H. Dudley, Labor 7 hrs. @ .50		3.50
Chesley Johnson, Labor 137 hrs. @ .50		68.50
Frank Revard, Labor 4 hrs. @ .50		2.00

Elwin Chase, Labor 144 hrs. @ .50	72.00
Joseph Huchowski, Labor 14 hrs. @ .50	7.00
Roy Kenyon, Labor 43 hrs. @ .50	21.50
John Minior, Labor 155 hrs. @ .50	77.50
Elmer Kenyon, Labor 11 hrs. @ .50	5.50
George Jones, Labor 26 hrs. @ .50	13.00
H. W. Buxton, Labor 16 hrs. @ .50	8.00
William Laws, Labor 153 hrs. @ .50	76.50
Irwin Smith, Labor 3 hrs. @ .50	1.50
Ernest Lunn, Labor 8 hrs. @ .50	4.00
John Carter, Labor 18 hrs. @ .50	9.00
Wayland Heck, Compressor oper.	
24 hrs. @ .87½	21.00
Walter Dimock, Helper 24 hrs. @ .62½	15.00

Labor & Trucking	\$11,683.62
Rental from Town owned machinery	
credited to machinery account	\$ 878.00 \$ 878.00

Chapter 81 Material:

The Barrett Co., 500 Gals. Tar (TM-2) @ .12	\$ 60.00
The Barrett Co., 10957 Gals. Tarvia @ .119 ..	1,303.88
C. C. Plumb Co., 9,735 Gals. road oil @ .0675 ..	657.12
P. D. Manning, Compensation & Liab. Ins.	321.03
H. W. Buxton, 4,155 cu. yds. gravel @ .07	290.85
New England Metal Culvert Co., culvert pipe..	474.29
State Prison Colony, Grate & Frame for	
catchbasin	15.10
Wayland Heck, one case dynamite	9.75
O. F. Chase, 120 cu. yds. gravel @ .05	6.00
C. A. Sweet, 655 cu. yds. sand @ .05	32.75
D. E. Caswell, 424 cu. yds. gravel @ .04	16.96

Total Material	\$ 3,187.73
Grand Total Chapter 81 Highways	\$15,749.35

EARL BALLOU,

Supt. of Highways.

Chapter 90 Maintenance:

Appropriated by Town	\$500.00	
Appropriated by County	500.00	
Allotment by State	500.00	Total \$1,500.00
Earl Ballou, Supt. as per wages	\$ 83.04	
Earl Ballou, Car 96 hrs. @ .20	19.20	

Charles Church, Foreman 60 hrs. @ .60	36.00	
Nellie Parker, Truck & driver 98 hrs. @ 1.50..	147.00	
W. H. Dudley, Truck & driver 64 hrs. @ 1.50..	96.00	
H. W. Buxton, Truck & driver 28 hrs. @ 1.50..	42.00	
D. E. Caswell, Truck & driver 68 hrs. @ 1.50..	102.00	
Earl McCann, Labor 54 hrs. @ .50	27.00	
Everett Ballou, Labor 16 hrs. @ .50	8.00	
Clifford Lunn, Labor 79 hrs. @ .50	39.50	
Carmine Ferno, Labor 119 hrs. @ .50	59.50	
Albert Valcourt, Labor 104 hrs. @ .50	52.00	
Stanley Krouse, Labor 80 hrs. @ .50	40.00	
Alfred Miller, Labor 40 hrs. @ .50	20.00	
James Murphy, Labor 80 hrs. @ .50	40.00	
Michael Kocur, Labor 20 hrs. @ .50	10.00	
Donah Bonville, Labor 28 hrs. @ .50	14.00	
Alfred Lafferriere, Labor 8 hrs. @ .50	4.00	
Elwin Chase, Labor 72 hrs @ .50	36.00	
Jesse Chase, Labor 40 hrs. @ .50	20.00	
Chesley Johnson, Labor 36 hrs. @ .50	18.00	
Lewis Fisk, Labor 88 hrs. @ .50	44.00	
John Minior, Labor 68 hrs. @ .50	34.00	
Harold Keith, Labor 30 hrs. @ .50	15.00	
D. E. Caswell Jr., Labor 24 hrs. @ .50	12.00	
H. W. Buxton, Labor 4 hrs. @ .50	2.00	
William Laws, Labor 44 hrs. @ .50	22.00	
Ernest Lunn, Labor 8 hrs. @ .50	4.00	
Total Labor & Trucking		\$1,046.24

Chapter 90 Maintenance Material:

State Prison Colony, Concrete guard rail post	\$ 22.50	
The Barrett Co., 3,096 Gals. Tarvia @ .119 ..	368.42	
New Engand Bolt Inc., Cable & fittings,		
guard rail	41.44	
New England Bolt Co. Inc., one 4 ft. x 15 in.		
pipe	5.56	
C. A. Swete, 150 cu. yds. sand @ .05	7.50	
D. E. Caswell, 34 cu. yds. gravel @ .04	1.36	
H. W. Buxton, 98 cu. yds. gravel @ .07	6.86	
Total Material		\$453.64
Grand Total Chapter 90 Maintenance		\$1,499.88

EARL BALLOU,

Supt. of Highways.

Chapter 90—Construction

Unexpended balance on Uxbridge Road

of 1937 allotment, spent after January 1st, 1938

Balance as of January 1st, 1938	\$2,050.80
Earl Ballou, Supt. as per wages	\$117.64
Earl Ballou, Car 136 hrs. @ .20	27.20
Charles Church, Foreman 179½ hrs. @ .60	107.70
Nellie Parker, Truck & driver 56 hrs. @ 1.50..	84.00
W. H. Dudley, Truck & driver 33½ hrs. @ 1.50	65.25
H. W. Buxton, Truck & driver 81½ hrs. @ 1.50	122.25
D. E. Caswell, Truck & driver 81 hrs. @ 1.50..	121.50
Joseph DeVries, 1¼ cu. yd. shovel 75 hrs. @ .650	487.50
Joseph DeVries, 1½ cu. yd. truck & driver 42 hrs. @ 1.50	63.00
Joseph DeVries, 5 cu. yd. truck & driver 20½ hrs. @ 3.00	61.50
Joseph DeVries, trailer 6 hrs. @ 7.50	45.00
E. L. Sabatinelli, compressor & jackhammers 32 hrs. @ 2.85	91.20
A. A. Sabatinelli, Blaster 29 hrs. @ 1.00	29.00
Earl McCann, Labor 44 hrs. @ .50	22.00
Earl McCann, Tractor oper. 15 hrs. @ .75	11.25
Everett Ballou, Grader oper. 15 hrs. @ .75	11.25
Carmine Ferno, Labor 66½ hrs. @ .50	33.25
Albert Valcourt, Labor 175½ hrs. @ .50	87.75
Stanley Krouse, Labor 167½ hrs. @ .50	83.75
Alfred Miller, Labor 39 hrs. @ .50	19.50
D. E. Caswell Jr., Labor 2 hrs. @ .50	1.00
Clifford Lunn, Labor 175½ hrs. @ .50	87.75
Harold Keith, Labor 28 hrs. @ .50	14.00
Everett Ballou, Labor 16 hrs. @ .50	8.00
James Murphy, Labor 42½ hrs. @ .50	21.25
Micheal Kocur, Labor 37½ hrs. @ .50	17.25

Labor & Equipment hire \$1,840.74

Material:

Wayland Heck, 5 cases dynamite % 9.75	48.75
Wayland Heck, 300 blasting caps @ 7.50	22.50
Joseph Zemianek, 2,772 cu. yds. gravel @ .05..	138.60

Total Material\$209.85

Grand Total 90 Construction '37 Allotment \$2,050.59

EARL BALLOU,
Supt. of Highways.

Machinery Account:

Receipts:

Appropriated by Town	\$ 100.00
Received for Rental Chapter 81	878.00
Received for Rental Chapter 464	392.00
Balance in account Jan. 1st, 1938	164.32

Total income \$1,534.32

Payments:

W. R. Wallis Lumber Co., Tools & Supplies...	\$ 99.36
Walker Oil Co., Gas & Oil.....	106.67
Southwestern Petroleum Co., Drum Yukon roller grease	20.35
Douglas Motor Sales, Gas, Oil & repairs	143.19
Clark-Wilcox Co., Repair parts	205.66
Registry of Motor Vehicles, Plates for Tractor	2.00
F. E. Jones, Gas, Oil & Grease, repair parts...	172.04
Wait Hardware Co., Fittings for grease gun ..	3.00
Emmott Transportation Co., Express	2.03
Wayland Heck, Blasting Caps & Drill Points..	21.30
Warren D. Sampson Co., 1 doz. red Lanterns..	16.10
Dyar Sales & Machinery Co., Mixer Drum....	79.00
Richard Aldrich, Express	2.83
Atlantic Coast Refining Co., 2 drums Penetroleum Graphite..	30.62
Whitinsville Auto Body Co., Welding on Tractor tank.....	2.00
Railway Express Agency, Express.....	1.20
Charles Krull, Repairs	48.85
Wrocester Oxy-Acetylene Supply Co., Welding Outfit	75.00
Worcester Oxy-Acetylene Supply Co., Oxygen and Acetylene..	19.53

Total Payments \$1,050.73
Balance in account Dec. 31, 1938.... \$ 483.59

Snow removal & Sanding:

Plowing and Trucking	\$ 530.90
Labor	633.00
Material and repairs	336.79

Grand Total Snow removal..... \$1,500.69

EARL BALLOU,
Supt. of Highways.

Highway Railings:

Appropriated by Town		\$ 100.00
Earl Ballou, Supt. as per wages	\$ 13.84	
Earl Ballou, Car - 16 hrs. @ .20	3.20	
C. L. Church, Foreman 24 hrs. @ .60	14.40	
Nellie Parker, Truck & driver 4 hrs. @ 1.50..	6.00	
Albert Valcourt, Labor 30 hrs. @ .50	15.00	
Earl McCann, Labor 8 hrs. @ .50	4.00	
James Murphy, Labor 4 hrs. @ .50	2.00	
William Laws, Labor 6 hrs. @ .50	3.00	
Everett Ballou, Labor 8 hrs. @ .50	4.00	
Total Labor & Trucking...		\$ 65.44
Material:		
W. R. Wallis Lumber Co., Lumber & material	34.47	
Total Material	\$ 34.47	
Grand Total Railings	\$ 99.91	

Bridges:

Appropriated by Town		\$1,200.00
Earl Ballou, Supt. as per wages	\$ 34.60	
Earl Ballou, Car 24 hrs. @ .20	4.80	
Charles Church, Foreman 3 hrs. @ .60	1.80	
Nellie Parker, Truck & driver 20 hrs. @ 1.50..	30.00	
H. W. Buxton, Truck & driver 13 ½ hrs. @ 1.50	20.25	
Abert Valcourt, Labor 11 hrs. @ .50	5.50	
Earl McCann, Labor 32 hrs. @ .50	16.00	
Harold Keith, Labor 8 hrs. @ .50	4.00	
Gustavus Wellman, Labor 4 hrs. @ .50	2.00	
Joseph DeVries, Removing & Filling Grand Trunk Bridge on Bald Hill Road	500.00	
Joseph DeVries, Removing & Filling Grand Trunk Bridge on Franklin Street	500.00	
Total Labor & Equipment Hire		\$1,118.95
Material:		
W. R. Wallis Lumber Co., To Material	\$ 17.95	
		17.95
Grand Total Bridges.....	\$1,136.90	

EARL BALLOU,
Supt. of Highways.

Chapter 498 - Flood Damage:

Total Allotment by State,	\$4,000.00
Earl Ballou, Supt. as per wages	\$ 221.44
Earl Ballou, Car 256 hrs. @ .20	51.20
Charles Church, Foreman 144 hrs. @ .60	86.40
Nellie Parker, Truck & driver 245 hrs. @ 1.50	367.50
W. H. Dudley, Truck & driver 258 hrs. @ 1.50	387.00
H. W. Buxton, Truck & driver 228 hrs. @ 1.50	342.00
D. E. Caswell, Truck & driver 246 hrs. @ 1.50	369.00
Earl McCann, Tractor oper. 226 hrs. @ .60...	135.60
Earl McCann, Labor 72 hrs. @ .50	36.00
Everett Ballou, Grader oper. 64 hrs. @ .60....	38.40
Everett Ballou, Labor 14 hrs. @ .50	7.00
Clifford Lunn, Grader oper. 154 hrs. @ .60....	92.40
Clifford Lunn, Labor 99 hrs. @ .50	49.50
Carmine Ferno, Labor 257 hrs. @ .50	128.50
Albert Valcourt, Labor 233 hrs. @ .50	116.50
Stanley Krouse, Labor 232 hrs. @ .50	116.00
Alfred Miller, Labor 281 hrs. @ .50	140.50
James Murphy, Labor 242 hrs. @ .50	121.00
Micheal Kocur, Labor 143 hrs. @ .50	71.50
Donah Bonville, Labor 66½ hrs. @ .50.....	33.25
Alfred Lafferriere, Labor 16 hrs. @ .50	8.00
Chesley Johnson, Labor 36 hrs. @ .50	18.00
Jchn Minior, Labor 226 hrs. @ .50	113.00
Henry Peters, Labor 8 hrs. @ .50	4.00
Elwin Chase, Labor 56 hrs. @ .50	28.00
George Jones, Labor 14 hrs. @ .50	7.00
Jesse Chase, Labor 56 hrs. @ .50	28.00
Lewis Fisk, Labor 76 hrs. @ .50	38.00
Ernest Lunn, Labor 3 hrs. @ .50	1.50
William Laws, Labor 32 hrs. @ .50	16.00
D. E. Caswell Jr., Labor 3 hrs. @ .50	1.50
Harold Keith, Labor 22 hrs. @ .50	11.00

Total Labor & Trucking... \$3,184.69

Rental from Town owned Machinery
 credited to Machinery Account, 392.00

Total Rental \$ 392.00

Material:

New England Metal Culvert Co., Culvert Pipe	111.50
C. L. Church, 340 cu. yds. gravel borrow @ .05	17.00
A. B. Simmons, 40 cu. yds. stone filling @ .05..	2.00

Albert Valcourt, 77 cu. yds. stone filling @ .05	3.85
H. W. Buxton, 878 cu. yds. gravel @ .07	61.46
H. W. Buxton, 75 Chestnut post 6 ft. @ .20....	15.00
H. W. Buxton, 14 Chestnut post 8 ft. @ .25...	3.50
John Gingrass, 142 cu. yds. gravel @ .06	8.52
The Barrett Co., 1,020 Gals. Tarvia @ .119....	121.38
New England Bolt Co., Inc., Culvert Pipe....	74.93

Total Material	\$ 419.14
Grand Total Chapter 464	\$3,995.83

EARL BALLOU,
Supt. of Highways.

September Hurricane Damage:

note:

These funds were taken from the State fund Chapter 500, and Chapter 90 for the current year, which was authorized by the State Department and by the Town at a Special Town Meeting.

Amount of Chap. 500 fund \$1,700.00

Total expenditures from Chap. 500 fund.. \$1,692.16

Amount of Chapter 90 fund \$8,000.00

Total expenditures from Chap. 90 fund... 4,724.15

Grand Total	\$6,416.31
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I am taking this opportunity to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for the splendid cooperation and help given me by all town Officials, especially the Board of Selectmen, and Clerk, Joseph S. Virostek, and all others who so willingly gave a helping hand in the disastrous Hurricane of September 21.

I also wish to thank the Superintendent and commanding officers of the C. C. C. Camp of Douglas and W. P. A. Project workers for the splendid work they did for us in helping to clear our Town Highways so that traveling could be restored as soon as possible, it is a feeling of security to know that we in Douglas can have such help and cooperation in times such as these.

Respectfully,

EARL BALLOU,
Supt. of Highways.

Report of Treasurer Simon Fairfield Public Library

1938

Jan. 1—Balance on Deposit	\$ 158.00
Town Appropriation	1,000.00
Dog Fund	506.70
Jan. 5—Uxbridge Savings Bank Interest	\$ 15.00
May 2—Whitinsville Savings Bank Interest ..	145.21
July 5—Uxbridge Savings Bank Interest	15.00
Nov. 1—Whitinsville Savings Bank Interest..	145.21
Nov. 2—Uxbridge Savings Bank Interest	
on James W. Wixtead Fund	118.79
Nov. 2—Uxbridge Savings Bank Interest	
on Mrs. Royal Keith Fund	184.93
Dec. 5—Mrs. Lena M. Schuster Books	4.86
	629.00
	2293.70

Expenditures:

Rosalie E. Williams, Librarian	780.00	
Mrs. Carl Donaldson, Assistant Librarian	18.00	
Frank E. Jones, Fuel	74.37	
For Books	314.35	
Magazines and Papers	77.41	
Miscellaneous Expense	199.13	
Coughlin, Inc., Delco Heating Unit Complete..	612.00	
Herbert E. Hughes, Janitor	137.50	
Worcester Suburban Electric Co.	35.21	2247.97
Balance in Town Treasurer76	
Balance on Deposit	44.97	
		2293.70

Endowment Funds:

Mrs. Royal Keith Fund	200.00
James M. Fairfield Fund	5,000.00
James Smith Fund	6,000.00
Arthur F. Taft Fund	500.00
Winfield S. Schuster Fund	1,000.00
James W. Wixtead Fund	200.00
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	\$12,900.00

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK E. JONES,

Treasurer.

Report of the Water Commissioners

To the Citizens of Douglas:

Appropriation at Town Meeting, 1938	\$3,200.00
Reserve Fund Transfer	454.00
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	\$3,654.00

EXPENDITURES

Administration:

Superintendent's Salary	1,300.00
Telephone	24.57
Postage	8.36
All Other	1.93
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	\$1,334.86

General:

Labor	210.32
Pipe and Fittings	181.27
Equipment	404.79
All Other	40.03
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	\$836.41

Pumping Station:

Light and Power	1,038.25
Repairs	3.60
All Other	157.17
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	\$1,199.02

Service Pipe:

Pipes-Meters	283.20
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	\$283.20

Unexpended	.51
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	\$3,654.00

WATER DEPARTMENT

Rates

Outstanding January 1, 1938	\$980.59	
Charges	4,406.62	
Water Miscellaneous reported as rates	19.91	
Advance Payments December 31, 1938	5.00	
	<hr/>	\$5,412.12
Payments to treasurer	5,011.31	
Charges reported in error	47.37	
Outstanding December 31, 1938	353.44	
	<hr/>	\$5,412.12
<i>Water Miscellaneous</i>		
Outstanding January 1, 1938	32.32	
Charges	20.76	
	<hr/>	\$53.08
Payments to Treasurer, 1938	33.17	
Water miscellaneous, reported as rates	19.91	
	<hr/>	\$53.08

Respectfully submitted,

GILBERT W. ROWLEY, Chairman,
 *OSCAR OLSON,
 WILLIAM WALLIS,
 Water Commissioners.

*Deceased.

Charities in Douglas

REPORT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

To the Citizens of the Town of Douglas:

During the year ending December 31, 1938, the cost of charities reached a new peak in the history of this town which we sincerely hope may never be repeated again but which we as members of the board of Welfare of Douglas cannot control. To begin with the department had to pay out \$2,481.83 in 1938 for bills that had been contracted for in 1937. This total appears as a 1938 expenditure when in reality it was a 1937 expenditure.

At the annual town meeting the Town voted to raise only \$12,000.00 for Welfare costs for the year. This sum was expended the first six months of the year and necessitated the calling of a special town meeting for additional funds. The Town voted an additional \$5,000.00 on July 15 and \$4,000.00 on November 8.

During the month of January 63 families representing 276 persons were being aided. By the end of April the number of families had increased to 68. The Welfare Department called upon the Selectmen for further clerical assistance and Welfare investigation. Under the previous set up it had been practically impossible for the Chairman of the board to keep close contact of each individual case, and make the necessary investigation on each case as to family incomes. Preliminary investigations made by the Board showed several families were being aided when some member of the family was receiving some income from part time employment. Something had to be done quickly to avoid further waste of taxpayer's money.

At a joint meeting of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Public Welfare a unanimous agreement was reached that the office of the Public Welfare Board should be in the Town Hall with a full time clerk. Miss Vera Warner, whose work as Old Age Assistance Clerk had been highly praised by federal authorities, was named clerk. The set ups in neighboring towns were investigated and their best features were incorporated into ours.

During the first part of May, Richard E. Moore, then Chairman of the Board and Joseph S. Virostek, Clerk for the Selectmen went to Boston to contact federal authorities to make the necessary arrangements for having a Federal Surplus Foods Distribution center at the Town Hall. These surplus commodities were to be distributed

to welfare recipients, W. P. A. workers, Old Age Assistance cases, and to assist those people who were trying their utmost to refrain from public charity. The actual food distributed along with the clothing is included in detail on a separate page in this report.

Few people realize the necessity of the Welfare Department having a full time clerk in the office. The clerk's work is to first take the necessary application of aid, the proper settlement is determined, notice must be sent to the state or to the Town from whom we may expect reimbursement, the complete history of the applicant's family is then presented to the Welfare Board. The Board then decides the amount and manner in which the aid shall be rendered. By checking up with the Accountant's report as to the amount of money the Town has been reimbursed from the Federal Government, the State, other Towns and Cities one can readily see that improper notice, incorrect bills will render a loss to the Town far in excess of a Clerk's Salary. These reimbursements are estimated yearly by the Accountant and are given to the Assessors who include the amount in the Estimated Receipts to reduce the local Tax Levy. The amount of money that the Federal Government grants to the Town for Old Age Assistance and Aid to Dependent Children is directly dependent on the Clerk's reports and the necessity for these being accurate can readily be seen.

The chart showing the cost of charities in the Town of Douglas for the past nine years shows to the citizens the trend of charities here and explains the extreme necessity of our having increased our administration costs, to take care of the additional amount of work now facing this department.

Because of the amount of money expended under the Welfare account last year the Board has included in its report a classification of the expenditures to which we refer you. This report shows that most of the money was expended for Groceries and Milk with local merchants receiving the entire benefit.

One of the most uncertain welfare expenditures over which we have no control is due to aid rendered in neighboring towns and Worcester to families whose settlement is in this Town. For this item alone over \$1,000.00 was expended with some bills still outstanding and due.

How this town would have been able to carry the welfare burden without the W. P. A. we do not choose to even consider. There have been between 20 and 30 men employed on the several projects throughout the year. The money that was expended on these projects by the Federal Government and paid directly to these men is included in the report of the W. P. A. activities in this town for last year.

Included in the report for medical and hospital expenditures are the costs to the town of six major operations to local relief recipients as well as hospital expenses for three maternity cases. The Town

has been fortunate in obtaining the most favorable rate for hospitalization at the St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester, where there is no charge for doctors fees and a very reasonable charge for ward service for Relief Cases.

There were 107 different families aided last year representing a total of 425 persons. Of this number 61 were resident town cases, 20 were resident state cases, 10 were non-resident town cases living in neighboring towns, 12 resident cases but settlements in other towns, 3 inmates at the North Brookfield Infirmary, and 1 at a rest home in Worcester.

In order to keep welfare costs at a minimum we are receiving the co-operation from the Towns industrial concerns to whom we send monthly reports on the employable persons being aided. In this way any vacancies that occur at the local mills will be filled by persons receiving town aid who are employable and suited for the work. In addition to this the local mills have taken men from the W. P. A. rolls for employment in the different departments when vacancies occur and there are project workers available and suited for the work.

Beginning the first of January, 1939 a new budget system was inaugurated which we believe will be more satisfactory to relief recipients in that all will receive equal consideration as to their relative needs for food, shelter, and clothing.

It has been gratifying to know that of those seeking aid the majority of the employable men have been more than willing to work out on various projects the amount of their allowances and that their needy circumstances have not been due to their own actions but to general business conditions.

At the time of this writing our welfare load is at an irreducible minimum and there are no employables receiving relief. How our local welfare load has been reduced since the first of last year may be observed by referring to the table headed Welfare Expenditures for 1938. We are now operating on a normal basis and barring any unforeseen business conditions our budget for this year of \$12,000.00 for relief, \$2,000.00 for Aid to Dependent Children, and \$7,500.00 for Old Age Assistance will be sufficient.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK X. RINFRETTE, Chairman,

MARINE ZONFRILLO,

*RICHARD E. MOORE,

*Resigned October 1, 1938.

CLASSIFICATION OF WELFARE EXPENDITURES

Salaries—Welfare	\$717.45
General Welfare:	
Postage Administration	16.71
All Other Administration	326.43
<i>Groceries: Milk, Provisions</i>	
Thomas P. Ritchie	2,670.74
Raymond O. Decoteau	1,797.15
E. M. Marris	1,501.57
Louis Hvizdos	1,213.95
E. N. Jenckes	729.12
Douglas Town Store	684.35
Gilbert Bosma	322.91
Raymond C. Hall	263.70
F. S. Jodrey	213.24
Roy Kenyon	97.50
Harry Downs	61.83
John Meszaro	44.52
Andrew Baca	12.48
George Koslak	8.06
Edward Fedorezek91
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	\$9,622.03
<i>Fuel:</i>	
Robert Walker	414.50
Leon T. Sochia	289.75
Frank E. Jones	226.10
Wallis Lumber Co.	155.70
Louis B. Jussaume	64.95
Andrew Michna	32.00
Edward Therrien	3.00
Walter Lunn	2.00
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	\$1,188.00
<i>Board and Care:</i>	
North Brookfield—Infirmiry	1,460.95
St. Vincent Home	291.60
Russell Rest Home	190.00
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	\$1,942.55
<i>Medical and Hospital:</i>	
St. Vincent Hospital	742.67
R. H. Spooner	575.50
Whitinsville Hospital	90.50

Memorial Hospital	74.00
City of Worcester	48.75
H. V. Williams, M.D.	40.00
W. M. Buffum	32.16
L. H. Blanchard, D.M.D.	32.00
Reimbursement for Nurse	21.00
A. J. Frost	20.23
Dr. R. S. W. Roberts	20.00
Esther Johnson, Nurse	9.75
F. L. Cassidy, D.M.D.	8.00
T. G. Flagg	4.77
M. L. Griswold, M.D.	4.00
Carl B. Fitton Co.	3.00
L. T. Whelan	2.00

\$1,719.33

Clothing:

Hermon S. Baker	432.43
Abe Solomon	30.00
Henry Janeczek—Shoes	13.15
E. Douglas Shoe Store	2.75

\$478.33

Rent:

Joseph Neomany	318.00
Chloe T. Hathaway	302.50
Peter George	193.00
Bernadette Belisle	138.00
Joseph Kleya	128.50
George P. Snow	75.00
Alvah Hall	62.00
Hayward Woolen Co.	52.50
Eugenie Berthiaume	45.00
Joseph Grivalski	45.00
N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R. Co.	40.00
Walter Jones	32.00
K. Helena Wixtead	20.00
William Banaghan	15.00
Christel Brown	15.00
Mary Goulet	12.00

\$1,494.50

City of Worcester	376.16
Town of Northbridge	242.94

Town of Uxbridge	239.44
Town of Franklin	134.97
Town of Oxford	74.31
Mothers Aid Payments	3,200.00
Cash Payments	2,911.50
<i>All other expenses:</i>	
U.S. Government for Surplus foods Adm.	34.94
Frank E. Jones for Transportation	26.00
R. Northridge for furniture	10.50
W. H. Graham Corp. for ambulance	10.00
Herbert E. Hughes for Transportation	3.00
Chesley Johnson for repairing tenement	2.50
Walter Belisle	2.00
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	\$24,366.99

WELFARE EXPENDITURES—1938

Exclusive of Administration cost and of \$817 charged to
A. D. C. Federal Grant

Month	Amount		Families	Persons
	Resident Cases	All Cases		
January	\$ 2,798.54	3,814.55	63	276
March	1,408.78	1,610.38	57	229
March	1,408.78	1,610.38	57	229
April	2,035.50	2,443.80	68	279
May	2,367.32	2,414.38	62	253
June	1,381.46	1,744.47	51	191
July	1,267.28	1,387.31	43	157
August	1,117.32	2,265.79	37	136
September	895.98	937.46	30	96
October	803.51	954.62	30	99
November	804.17	963.97	29	90
December	510.50	2,571.12	20	47
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	\$16,827.22	\$23,499.99	107	425

SURPLUS COMMODITIES—FOOD

May 15—Dec. 31, 1938	Our Estimates of Cost
Prunes, 2,275 lbs. @ .07	\$159.25
Apples, 1,125 lbs. @ .05	56.25
Dried Beans, 2,100 lbs. @ .04	84.00
Cabbage, 10,855 lbs. @ .04	434.20

Butter, 1,148 lbs. @ .31	355.88
Rice, 1648 lbs. @ .05	82.40
Carrots, 1,815 lb. @ .04	72.60
Cracked Wheat Cereal, 392 lbs. @ .15	58.80
Fish, 880 lbs. @ .20	176.00
Beets, 1,350 lbs. @ .05	67.50
Flour, 14,394 lbs. @ .59 - 24	353.00
Graham Flour, 1,506 lbs. @ .19 - 3	142.50
Dried Milk, 400 lbs. @ .10	40.00
Raisins, 2,225 lbs. @ .07½	166.87
Tomatoes, 1,500 lbs. @ .12	210.00
Oranges, 2,590 lbs. @ .18	466.20
Potatoes, 13,580 lbs. @ .29	225.00
Dried Peaches, 500 lbs. @ .06	30.00
Sweet Potatoes, 3,750 lbs. @ .06	225.00

Total 64,033 lbs.	\$3,405.45
Canned Peas, 1,971 cans @ .10	\$197.10
Grapefruit Juice, 1,656 cans @ .07	115.92
Evaporated Milk, 530 cans @ .06	31.80
Apple Sauce, 240 cans @ .07	16.80

Total 4,397 cans	\$361.62
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SURPLUS COMMODITIES—CLOTHING

May 15, 1938 to Dec. 31, 1938	Our Estimates of Cost
Girl's Bloomers, 9 pcs. @ .50	\$4.50
Boy's Blouses, 21 pcs. @ \$1.00	21.00
Women's Blouses, 2 pcs. @ \$1.00	2.00
Diapers, 96 pcs. @ \$1.25	10.00
Girl's Dresses, 130 pcs. @ \$1.00	130.00
Women's Dresses, 177 pcs. @ \$1.25	210.25
Layettees, 5 pcs. @ \$4.00	20.00
Girl's Nightgowns, 60 pcs. @ .75	45.05
Women's Nightgowns, 70 pcs. @ \$1.00	70.00
Men's Nightshirts, 9 pcs. @ \$1.00	9.00
Women's Pajamas, 77 pcs. @ \$1.25	96.25
Men's Pajamas, 52 pcs. @ \$1.25	65.00
Men's Pants, 128 pcs. @ \$1.75	224.00
Child's Rompers, 7 pcs. @ .75	5.25
Men's Shirts, 272 pcs. @ .75	204.00
Men's Shorts, 46 pcs. @ .75	34.50

Women's Slips, 62 pcs. @ .95	57.00
Girl's Playsuits, 8 pcs. @ \$1.00	8.00
Boy's Unionsuits, 31 pcs. @ .75	23.25
Boy's Overalls, 15 pcs. @ .90	13.50
Children's Pajamas, 159 pcs. @ \$1.00	159.00
Boy's Pants, 81 pcs. @ \$1.00	81.00
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Total 1,517 pcs.	\$1,502.45

	Our Estimate	Government Estimate
64,033 lbs Food		
4,397 cans Food	3,767.07	3,819.47
1,517 pcs. Clothing	1,502.45	1,363.95
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	\$5,269.52	\$5,183.42

PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Temporary Aid—Accounts Receivable

Outstanding January 1, 1938	\$1,653.11	
Charges	6,291.73	
		\$7,944.84
Payments to Treasurer	\$4,994.19	
Disallowances	740.94	
Outstanding December 31, 1938	2,209.71	
		\$7,944.84
Outstanding January 1, 1939		\$2,209.71

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Accounts Receivable

Outstanding January 1, 1938	\$ 852.35	
Charges	1,184.00	
		\$2,036.35
Payments to treasurer	1,308.01	
Disallowances	293.84	
Outstanding December 31, 1938	434.50	
		\$2,036.35

COST OF CHARITIES IN THE TOWN OF DOUGLAS

Year	Welfare	Old Age Assistance	State Aid	Soldiers Relief	W. P. A.	Total	Per Capita
1930	8,594.92			102.00		8,696.92	3.62
1931	12,106.83	1,431.64	325.00	925.00		14,818.47	6.16
1932	12,249.63	4,543.15	240.00	888.50		14,821.28	7.45
1933	9,957.93	4,018.00	240.00	795.56	282.20	15,293.69	6.36
1934	9,255.25	4,368.00	275.00	428.50	1,054.79	15,381.54	6.40
1935	8,308.00	4,542.50	230.00	481.47	1,213.22	14,775.19	6.14
1936	10,896.44	6,193.10	120.00	664.00	58.00	17,931.54	7.46
1937	13,946.12	13,716.52	120.00	712.96	3,144.38	31,639.98	13.16
1938	25,034.44	15,340.49	30.00	656.50	4,701.92	45,639.98	19.04

REPORT OF THE OLD AGE ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

To the Selectmen and Citizens of Douglas:

The Bureau of Old Age Assistance submits the following report for the year ending December 31, 1938.

There were 53 persons who received Old Age Assistance during the year, eight of whom had settlement in other towns.

Applications received	16
" denied	2
" accepted	14
Cases closed—By death	3
Moved from town	4
Became self-supporting	3
To care of relatives	1
Transferred to Worcester	1
Transferred to Board of Health	1
Total	13
Visits to homes	196
Reports to state	230
Received	
Federal Grant	\$6,798.25
From other towns	467.15
From state	4,373.69
	\$11,639.09
Paid for Old Age Assistance	\$14,214.89
Received	11,639.09
	\$2,575.80

Actual cost to the town

\$2,575.80

Accounts Receivable

Outstanding January 1, 1938	\$ 137.84	
Charges	5,266.34	
Allowance in excess of charges	3.34	
		\$5,407.52
Payments to treasurer	\$4,808.35	
Disallowances	32.01	

Charges reported in duplicate	467.16	
Outstanding December 31, 1938	100.00	
		\$5,407.52
Outstanding January 1, 1939		\$100.00
Paid to treasurer January 1 to 30, 1939		100.00

Since the first of the year the Federal Auditors have audited the Old Age Assistance and Aid to Dependent Children accounts and have approved all charges and expenditures.

Respectfully submitted,

F. J. LIBBY, Agent,

VERA H. WARNER, Clerk.

REPORT ON THE W. P. A. WORK IN THE TOWN OF DOUGLAS

I am taking this opportunity to thank the officials and the personnel at the local 1199th company C. C. C. and the officials and the personnel of the Worcester W. P. A. Office and the local project workers for their splendid co-operation in answer to an appeal from the Selectmen of Douglas for immediate relief in, first, opening up all the roads in Douglas and clearing the debris following the hurricane of September 21st; and secondly, opening up fire lanes through the hundreds of acres of woodland blown down; and thirdly, in removing the forest fire hazard from the center of the town and from dwelling houses.

Our community was one of the worst ones hit by the storm with most of the damage being done to pine groves and other heavily wooded sections. At the time of this report going to press, the work of removing the greatest forest fire hazard in the history of the Town is being carried on by these two groups the local C. C. C. personnel and the W. P. A. project workers.

Our W. P. A. work for this year consisted of gravelling and grading on West Street or Reservoir Road and on the Thompson Road, during the winter months. In the early spring a moth project was in operation in conjunction with a Welfare project whereby thousands of moth egg clusters were destroyed. Particular attention was given to the Reservoir section and the North West Section of the Town where heavily infested areas were reported.

The Welfare projects that were being operated during the first six months of the year consisted of the afore mentioned moth suppression work which was followed by the construction of a cement sidewalk on Pleasant Street.

The Manchaug Street W. P. A. Sidewalk project was begun about the first of May and the grade of work done on this project showed a marked improvement over the previous year's work on Main Street. This project was continued until cut short by the storm. I presume that this project will be completed before any other sidewalk project will be attempted, but whether or not it will be completed depends upon the success we have in removing forest fire hazards.

At the time of this writing there are project workers from Worcester, Blackstone, and Millville assisting the local men on the present projects and with the C. C. C. personnel, some 400 men are employed weekly in cutting and burning fallen debris.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH S. VIROSTEK,

Local W. P. A. Project Supervisor.

TOWN EXPENDITURES CHARGED TO W. P. A. MATERIALS

1. West Street or Reservoir Rd. Project		
Sponsor's Foreman—Louis Yacino	184.00	
Trucks	1,113.83	
Gravel	103.50	
All other Expense on Project	26.13	
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		\$1,427.46
2. Moth Project		
Sponsor's Foreman—Walter Belisle	87.75	
Transportation	38.28	
Equipment—Supplies	72.19	
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		198.22
3. Thompson Rd. Project		
Trucks	192.50	
Gravel	28.80	
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		221.30
4. Manchaug St. Sidewalk Project		
Sponsor Paid Labor and Other Adm. Cost	96.70	
Trucks	238.50	
Gravel	168.12	
Cement and Other Supplies	857.91	
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		1,361.23

5. Removal of Forest Fire Hazard—Hurricane Rehabilitation		
Sponsor Administration Cost	16.00	
Truck	431.74	
Equipment	46.92	
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6. Commissary Expense Charged to W. P. A.		95.17
7. Pleasant Street Welfare Project—Sidewalk		
Foreman,—Louis Yacino	211.50	
Trucks	260.75	
Gravel	68.70	
Material	252.56	
Misc. Expense	10.37	
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7. General Administration		100.00
	<hr/>	\$4,701.92

The federal government spent a total of \$33,512.35 on local W. P. A. projects last year. This expenditure was distributed as follows:

Gypsy Moth	800.20	
Reservoir Road	2,924.93	
Manchaug St. Sidewalk	5,273.06	
Hurricane Rehabilitation	20,874.16	labor
Hurricane Rehabilitation	3,640.00	bus transportation
	<hr/>	\$33,512.35

Annual Reports
OF THE
School Committee
and Superintendent of Schools
OF THE
TOWN of DOUGLAS



For the Year Ending
DECEMBER 31, 1938

Report of the School Committee

The School Committee submits the following report for the financial year ending December 31, 1938:

The appropriations for the School were \$36,700.00 at the Annual Town Meeting with an additional transfer of \$325.00 from the Reserve Fund. The total expenditures were \$37,025.00. We received from the State as reimbursement:

Massachusetts School Fund Part I..	\$4,011.69
Part II Income Taxes	5,770.00
Tuition of State Wards	129.48
Individuals	110.00
School Superintendent	733.33
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	\$10,754.50

THIS REDUCES THE NET COST OF THE SCHOOLS TO \$26,270.50.

EXPENDITURES OF THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT— for the year ending December 31, 1938.

GENERAL EXPENSES:

	Budget 1938	Expenditure	Estimate 1939
Clerk School Committee		250.00	250.00
Misc. School Committee.....		68.04	50.00
Superintendent's Salary and Ex.		1,528.56	1,600.00
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	\$1,900.00	\$1,846.60	\$1,900.00

EXPENSES FOR INSTRUCTION:

Music Supervisor's Salary	600.00	600.00	600.00
Principal, High, Salary	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Principal, Elementary, Salary..	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Teachers, High School.....	7,750.00	7,975.80	8,550.00
Teachers, Elementary	10,225.00	9,746.96	9,300.00
Substitute Teacher's	150.00	153.00	150.00

Text Books, High	400.00	337.78	400.00
Text Boks, Elementary	600.00	262.00	600.00
High School Supplies	600.00	455.65	600.00
Elementary Supplies	400.00	416.11	400.00
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	\$24,725.00	\$23,947.30	\$24,600.00

EXPENSES FOR OPERATION:

Janitor, High	1,300.00	1,343.00	1,315.00
Janitor, Elementary	1,300.00	1,315.00	1,315.00
Janitor, D. C.	350.00	449.00	400.00
Fuel, High	700.00	1,006.78	700.00
Fuel, Grammar	450.00	366.30	450.00
Fuel, D. C.	200.00	119.10	200.00
Lights & Power, High		200.73	
Telephone, High		55.13	
Janitor's Supplies, High		45.45	
Water Dept. High	325.00	10.00	325.00
Lights & Power, Elementary...		172.13	
Telephone, Elementary		75.01	
Janitor's Supplies, Elementary		60.71	
Water Dept., Elementary.....	350.00	10.00	325.00
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	\$4,975.00	\$5,228.34	\$5,030.00

MAINTENANCE—REPAIRS:

High School	400.00	104.20	600.00
Grammar Schools	600.00	1,026.64	800.00
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	\$1,000.00	\$1,130.84	\$1,400.00

HURRICANE DAMAGE:

Grammar School—Reserve Fund	325.00	325.00
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AUXILIARY AGENCIES:

Health, High		352.60	
Health, Elementary	1,000.00	736.57	1,000.00
Transportation, High		546.66	
Transportation, Elementary ..	2,600.00	2,152.84	2,900.00
Tuition		113.00	670.00
Athletics	250.00	327.35	300.00
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	\$3,850.00	\$4,229.02	\$4,870.00

INSURANCE		104.83	100.00
NEW EQUIPMENT	250.00	213.07	100.00
TOTALS	\$37,025.00	\$37,025.00	\$38,000.00

BAYLIS G. ALDRICH, 1940

MARGARET CARRICK, 1940

LILIAN G. CARPENTER, 1939

WARREN JOHNSON, 1939

ANDREW CENCAK, 1941

LOUIS CALLAHAN, 1941

School Committee.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

A. B. GARCELON

PURCHASING AGENT

ANDREW CENCAK

ATTENDANCE OFFICERS

PAUL RAWSON

E. L. WILLIAMS

ERWIN SMITH

School Calendar

1938-1939

Fall Term—September 6, 1938 to December 23, 1938, 16 weeks.

Winter Term—1st period—Jan. 3, 1939 to Feb. 17, 1939, 7 weeks.

Winter Term—2nd period—Feb. 27, 1939 to April 14, 1939, 7 weeks.

Spring Term—April 24, 1939 to June 16, 1939, 8 weeks.

For High School—April 24, 1939 to June 30, 1939, 10 weeks.

VACATIONS

Thanksgiving recess—November 24, 1938.

Christmas recess—December 24, to January 2, 1939, 1 week.

Mid-winter vacation—February 18 to February 26, 1939, 1 week.

Spring Vacation—April 15, 1939 to April 23, 1939, 1 week.

HOLIDAYS, 1939

New Years Holiday, Sunday and Monday, January 1-2, 1939.

Washington's Birthday, Wednesday, February 22, 1939.

Good Friday, Friday, April 7, 1939.

Patriot's Day, Wednesday, April 19, 1939.

Memorial Day, Tuesday, May 30, 1939.

Labor Day, Monday, September 4, 1939.

Columbus Day, Thursday, October 12, 1939.

County Convention, Friday, November 3, 1939.

Armistice Day, Saturday, November 11, 1939.

Thanksgiving Recess, Thursday-Friday, Nov. 30-Dec. 1, 1939

Christmas, Monday, December 25, 1939.

1939-1940

Fall Term—September 5, 1939 to December 22, 1939, 16 weeks.

Winter Term—1st period—Jan. 2, 1940 to Feb. 16, 1940, 7 weeks.

Winter Term—2nd period—Feb. 26, 1940 to April 12, 1940, 7 weeks.

Spring Term—April 22, 1940 to June 14, 1940, 8 weeks.

For High School—April 22, 1940 to June 28, 1940, 10 weeks.

VACATIONS

Thanksgiving recess—November 30, 1939.
 Christmas recess—December 23 to January 1, 1940, 1 week.
 Mid-winter vacation—February 17 to February 25, 1940.
 Spring Vacation—April 13, 1940 to April 21, 1940.

HOLIDAYS, 1940

New Years Day, Monday, January 1, 1940.
 Washington's Birthday, Thursday, February 22, 1940.
 Good Friday, March 22, 1940.
 Patriot's Day, Friday, April 19, 1940.
 Memorial Day, Thursday, May 30, 1940.
 Labor Day, Monday, September 2, 1940.
 Columbus Day, Saturday, October 12, 1940.
 County Convention, Friday, November 1, 1940.
 Armistice Day, Monday, November 11, 1940.
 Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28, 1940.
 Christmas, Wednesday, December 25, 1940.

NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

Three blasts of the mill whistle at 7:30 A.M. closes all schools for the morning session. The same signal at 11:30 A.M. closes all schools for the afternoon session.

The same signal at 11:15 A.M., denotes that there will be one session. In case of one session all grades will close at 12:30 P.M.; except first grade which will close at noon.

If the whistle does not blow at 11:30 A.M. there will be school in the afternoon.

A. B. GARCELON,
 Superintendent.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the School Committee and Citizens of Douglas:

I herewith submit my eleventh annual school report of the Town of Douglas, the same being the thirty-eighth superintendent's report for the Union.

Fifteen years ago the total enrollment in all the schools of Douglas was 534. Of these, 44 were in the high school and 490 were in the grades. Today we have 110 in the high school and 390 in the grades, a total of 500. Considering the figures on a percentage basis, we have the following: In 1923, 8% attended high school and 92% attended the grade schools. In 1939, 22% are attending high school and 78% are in the grade schools. In other words, our high school enrollment has increased almost 300%, while our grade school enrollment has decreased about 13%. Our high school enrollment continues to increase. Last year we had 98 pupils in the high school and this year we have 110, a percentage increase of over 12%.

In order to take care of this situation adequately we placed one more teacher in the high school building, thus relieving high school teachers from service in the seventh and eighth grades. This new arrangement has worked out very satisfactorily, and insures greater efficiency in both the grades and the high school.

This year our high school graduating class numbers thirty, the largest graduating class in the history of the school.

It is now conceded that the basic fundamentals can and should be completed during the first six grades, using the seventh and eighth grades as grades of orientation. In these grades new courses should be introduced, which lead to further study along the lines of business, industry, trade, technical schools and colleges. Too large a percentage of our present high school pupils are now taking courses not well suited to their particular abilities, nor do these courses fortify these pupils for the work which they will ultimately do. Drastic changes are not possible, nor are they contemplated; but the gradual introduction of pre-vocational courses should be undertaken.

One of the techniques most needed in our schools today is vocational guidance. Far too many pupils are taking work which has little or no relation to their future work, or aptitudes. Needless to say, this is a positive waste of time, money and energy. While the matter of

guidance is very difficult to administer, it should not for this reason be neglected.

Manual training and Home Economics are two courses very much needed, and will be reinstated as soon as funds are available.

Physical training, through the leadership of Mrs. Cornelius Calahan, is receiving considerable attention and is accomplishing fine results. Physical fitness is important and has a definite place in our school program. Every year each child has a physical examination and a record is made of all defects. The School Nurse notifies all parents of the defects found and encourages parents to have corrections made. During the past five or six years many parents have not been financially able to have corrections made due to curtailed family income. This year, however, through the cooperation and assistance of the Child Health Association and Dr. Lloyd Blanchard, the problem of dental defects is being solved through dental clinics. The School Nurse, Mrs. Esther Johnson reports 46 pupils have attended the clinic and that the list of those waiting to have work done is continually growing. For further facts and data I refer you to the report of our School Nurse.

Functional handwriting, the system now in use in our schools, continues to be very satisfactory, and Mr. W. L. Rinehart's annual report shows that there is decided improvement over that of last year. For a detailed statement of our progress in handwriting, I refer you to Mr. Rinehart's report.

Never should we forget to be thankful for the benefits we are experiencing from the Myron O. Mowry endowment. This fund makes it possible for us to offer to all pupils from the fourth grade up free musical instruction on any musical instrument. Mr. Dodge and Mr. Barry are doing a fine work, and about 70 pupils are now receiving free musical instructions.

I respectfully refer you to Mr. C. A. Gagne's excellent report in athletics. He has put on an athletic program as fine as we ever have had and deserves much credit.

To run a school system in any community costs a great deal of money. On the average the schools cost about one third of the total municipal expense. The fact that our schools furnish us with a most necessary and vital community service makes it possible for the School Department to get from the townspeople large appropriations. The voters, however, have a right to know how these school funds are expended and also how our expenditures compare with the average expenditures of the State. Such figures are available and are herewith submitted. The State average cost per pupil per year is \$101.27. We have 500 pupils in our schools, using these figures our budget would be \$50,500.00. Last year our appropriation was \$37,025.00. For the

past twelve years our expenditures have averaged \$33,627.81, and for the last five years (excepting last year) our average annual expenditure has been considerably less.

As to teachers' salaries, the State average per pupil per year is \$72.45. At this rate our appropriation for teachers would be \$36,225.00. Last year we raised \$22,725.

The average State expense per pupil per year for textbooks and supplies is \$4.08. At this rate we would have to raise $500 \times \$4.08$ or over \$2,000.00. Last year we expended \$1,471.54. According to State averages our fuel and janitor expense would be \$5,500.00. Our actual expense for these items was \$4,599.18. Repairs at the state average rate would have been \$1,790.00. Our actual expense was \$1,130.84 exclusive of hurricane damage. In our expense for our health program we expended \$264.17 more than State average. Our transportation expense is about twice what the State average would allow. We justify this expense, however, on the ground of greater efficiency.

From the above, it would appear that, while the expenditures of the School Department are large, they compare rather favorably with the State average figures.

All comparisons are more or less unfair. Often they need interpretation and explanation. However, the data given is exactly as it appears in the State report.

Allow me to express to the School Committee, principals, teachers, and all those connected with school work, and the taxpayer, my appreciation for all the kind consideration and cooperation that has been afforded.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. GARCELON,

Superintendent of Schools.

AGE-GRADE TABLE

Total Number of Students Enrolled October 1, 1938—499

Grade	Age	BOYS																				Totals
		5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21				
"	1	10	9	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	23			
"	2	8	7	8	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	25			
"	3	8	14	2	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	26			
"	4	5	5	7	8	4	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	19			
"	5	7	7	7	13	7	4	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	35			
"	6	4	4	7	4	12	7	3	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	33			
"	7	4	4	7	8	4	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	25			
"	8	4	4	5	4	4	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	23			
"	9	4	4	5	4	4	6	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14			
"	10	4	4	5	4	4	6	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14			
"	11	4	4	5	4	4	6	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11			
"	12	4	4	5	4	4	6	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16			
Totals		10	17	19	27	19	21	29	24	19	23	26	15	13	1	1	0	0	264			
Grade		GIRLS																				Totals
		3	11	2	4	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		
"	1	3	11	2	4	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		
"	2	1	6	18	4	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	25		
"	3	1	10	10	9	13	8	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		
"	4	1	11	11	11	7	5	4	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	29		
"	5	1	11	11	11	7	5	4	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	24		
"	6	1	11	11	11	7	5	4	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	23		
"	7	1	11	11	11	7	5	4	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	18		
"	8	1	11	11	11	7	5	4	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	28		
"	9	1	11	11	11	7	5	4	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	18		
"	10	1	11	11	11	7	5	4	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14		
"	11	1	11	11	11	7	5	4	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10		
"	12	1	11	11	11	7	5	4	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14		
Totals		4	17	30	13	27	21	14	24	22	20	18	13	6	5	0	0	1	1	235		

ATTENDANCE FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR ENDING JUNE, 1938

SCHOOL	TEACHERS	Enrollment										Under 5 years	5-7 years	7-14 years	14-16 years	Over 16 years	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent of Attendance	Number of Tardiness	Number of Dismissals						
		15	33	27	28	41	57	35	32	19	36											36	36	33	26	21	39
D.C.	High seniors	15	33	27	28	41	57	35	32	19	36	36	36	33	26	21	39	28	15	29	4	15	13.96	13.65	94.05	60	9
	Juniors																										
	Sophomores																										
	Freshmen																										
	Grade 8																										
	" 7																										
	Grammar 6																										
	" 4-5-6																										
	" 4-5-6																										
	" 5																										
D.C.	" 4																										
	" 3																										
	" 1-2-3																										
	" 1 & 3																										
	" 2																										
	" 1																										

LIST OF TEACHERS, JANUARY, 1939

NAME	SCHOOL	HOME ADDRESS	GRADUATE OF	When Appointed In Town
C. W. Holmes	High	East Douglas	Brown University	1918
Linnea Anderson	High	East Douglas	Boston University	1937
Clarence Gagne	High	East Douglas	Bay Path Institute	1931
Lena M. Rinfrette	High	East Douglas	Worcester Normal	1938
Tabea Sweinberger	High	Holyoke	Mt. Holyoke College	1932
Myra Jillson	High, 8	East Douglas	Worcester Normal	1924
Lola Dudley	High, 7	East Douglas	Boston Normal	1926
Dorothy Scribner	Douglas Center 7-8	East Douglas	Worcester Normal	1936
Eunice L. Buffington	Grammar, 6	East Douglas	Douglas High	1890
Mary A. Joy	Grammar, 5	East Douglas	Worcester Normal	1928
Elinor Dunleavy	Grammar, 4	East Douglas	Boston University	1932
Maria C. Buxton	Grammar, 3	East Douglas	Worcester Normal	1916
Betsy Reid	Grammar, 2	Peacedale, R. I.	Wheelock Training	1931
Mollie Kelly	Grammar, 1	East Douglas	Douglas High	1908
Daisy E. Sweet	Grammar, 1-2	East Douglas	Symonds T. School	1916
Gertrude Smith	Douglas Center 1-2-3	Douglas	Middlebury, Vt. High	1900
Constance M. Callahan	Douglas Center 4-5-6	East Douglas	Worcester Normal	1938
David Gellatly	Music Supervisor	Uxbridge	Atl. Associated Studios	1932
Frank O. Dodge	Band Instructor	Worcester		1931
Howard C. Barre	Orchestra Instructor			1931
W. L. Rinehart	Writing Supervisor			1933

Douglas Memorial High School Report

Mr. A. B. Garcelon,
Superintendent of Schools:

I herewith submit my 21st annual report on Douglas Memorial High School.

The most important event in the history of the high school during the past year was the addition last June of another teacher to the staff, increasing the number of full-time teachers in the school to eight, including the principal. The new teacher, Miss Dorothy Scribner, was appointed to work in the 7th and 8th grades with Miss Jillson and Mrs. Dudley, and the appointment resulted in several marked improvements in the system.

First, the 7th and 8th grade pupils are now entirely in the care of three teachers especially trained for work in those grades, whereas, for the past six years, some of the 7th and 8th grade work had to be done by teachers trained for high school work. Second, no 7th or 8th grade pupils now climb the stairs several times daily to share the study hall with the older pupils up-stairs. They study where they should be under the eyes of the teachers who do their class work. The five teachers up-stairs now devote all their time to the work of the four upper grades, that is, the high school, and so we are able to meet the State requirement that there be four teachers, not including the principal, in a high school of approximately 100 pupils.

At this point a definition of "high school" is needed. Six years ago we organized a "six-year" high school, intending to develop it along the lines of the "Junior-Senior" high school ideas. The depression precluded much progress in this direction. Since the town could afford neither the teachers nor the equipment needed for adequate development of a Junior-Senior high school organization, we now return to the old system, which is perhaps just as efficient anyhow, of eight grades of elementary work and then the four-year high school; and the term "high school" as I shall henceforth use it, means as of old, the four upper grades, Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior.

The only features of a Junior-Senior high school we have had were departmental organization introduced into the 7th and 8th

grades and partial promotion from the 8th to the 9th grade. Departmental organization was a success and has come to stay. Partial promotion to some extent we have always practiced in the high school but it has not worked well in my opinion, between the 8th grade and the high school. In many cases it has resulted in poorly prepared students, obliged to repeat some of their 8th grade work, taking one or two subjects in the high school at the same time, and the next three years cramming with enough of the easier subjects up-stairs to win a cheap diploma by little more than three years of actual high school work.

I would not relapse into the old error of keeping back every pupil who has not finished up all 8th grade work according to standard. The question of promotion is always, "Can this pupil do high school work?" rather than "Has he passed all his 8th grade work?" If an 8th grade pupil is strong in two major subjects only, and if one of those subjects is English, it would sometimes be best to promote, provided he is not too far below the mark in other work. Just where the line should be drawn where there are questions of work not much below standard, is a matter of study of the individual case. The main point I want to make is that when one is near enough through the grades to do any high school work, he should do all high school work. Part promotion from the 8th grade to high school encourages hurrying to get through high school, and why hurry? Adjustment to life after graduation demands more and more training, instead of less. High school work should be exacting enough to keep the best students very busy for four full years.

In my last report I wrote of an apparent drift in the school away from the college preparatory subjects. This year the pendulum swings back the other way. Thirty are beginning Algebra and 24, Freshman Latin, and nearly all are doing well in both these subjects. Classes in Plane Geometry (eleven members) and in Caesar (seven) are small, since few began Latin or mathematics last year. Twenty-four Sophomores are beginning French this year, 14 are taking French II and 6 are taking French III. There are 10 in the Junior and Senior advanced mathematics class and 18 in the Chemistry class. I give this enumeration to indicate the considerable interest in the college preparatory subjects. The enrollment in the other classes has no especial significance. The over-crowding of the commercial department was not so bad as anticipated and need not be feared for the immediate future, since so many Freshmen are doing well in Algebra and Latin.

When the Committee decided to assign another teacher to our building, relieving the high school teachers from grade work, Senior French was promptly restored to the curriculum, which had been

discontinued for some years, and the history teacher took over Commercial Geography, relieving the crowded Commercial department of that subject.

The total enrollment in the high school is now 110. We shall graduate 30 this year, if all pass, the largest graduating class we have ever had.

With the help of the new teacher, the 7th and 8th grade schedule is running smoothly and well, and next year we expect a Freshman class better prepared than ever.

As for the group up-stairs, in conduct, morale, cooperation, application, progress in studies, and in all that makes for the kind of education we strive for, our high school this year is, in my opinion, the best we have ever had.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. HOLMES,

Principal.

Jan. 16, 1939.

Report of Athletic Director

To the Superintendent of Schools,
East Douglas, Massachusetts.
Dear Mr. Garcelon:

I herewith submit my eighth annual report as Director of Athletics in the Douglas Memorial High School. It is an extreme pleasure this year because our program has been successful in so many details. The athletic program in the school has now reached the status befitting the modern high school. There will necessarily be occasional improvements and changes to be made, but we now have a program which provides an opportunity for play to all who are interested. Our teams have been most successful and our equipment is adequate to our needs, and best of all we have paid for much new equipment and we have a balance on hand in anticipation of future necessities.

The spirit and support shown by the student body has been unusually fine, and the attendance at games shows that the townspeople are becoming interested in interscholastic athletics. This improved attendance at games may be attributed to some extent to the unusual success of the teams during the past year.

The football team played the strongest schedule ever played by any team representing Douglas High and built up the best record in the history of the school. The team got off to a bad start, but learned a great deal in its defeats, and finished the season with glory by winning the last four games. Not only did the team have a fine record, but I would term it the best yet in team play, cooperation, and sportsmanship.

The winter program was two-fold: to provide an opportunity for all interested to play basketball and to organize a team to represent the school in competition. Forty-two boys are taking part in this program and are rapidly learning the fundamentals of team play and basketball. The varsity team is showing much improvement and again the record gives promise of an outstanding season.

Due to the reconditioning project at Schuster Field, it was not possible for the school to have a baseball team in the Spring, but all are looking forward to the coming season. The fact that there was no team last spring will undoubtedly have its effect, but it is expected that the interest will be as good as ever.

The main problem which confronts us is that of storing equipment during and after each season. With some \$1,000 worth of equipment (both boys' and girls') on hand, a safe and convenient place should be provided for this material. The character of the equipment is such that it should be well preserved. It goes without saying that the present gymnasium facilities are far from adequate, but we do appreciate very much the fact that it gives us all a place to play and an opportunity to spend an occasional evening witnessing worth while activities. The teams are handicapped throughout the year for the lack of shower and dressing facilities and for that reason many schools hesitate playing in Douglas. However, there are many schools who want to play Douglas and do because of the fine spirit and sportsmanship displayed by our students and we are particularly proud of that fact.

May I express my sincere appreciation to you, the members of the board, Mr. Holmes and all our many friends who have by their generosity and cooperation, helped make the past year so successful.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. GAGNE,

Director of Athletics.

Report of Supervisor of Music

Mr. A. B. Garcelon,
Superintendent of Schools,
East Douglas, Mass.

Dear Mr. Garcelon,

I herewith submit my annual report for the year ending December 31, 1938.

The singing voices in the Grammar Schools are very good. The children employ the natural and proper method of tone production, progressing easily from chest to head tones with no straining. There are very few monotones in the primary grades, and the work in musical theory is being done well in all of the grades.

There are some very fine voices in the seventh and eighth grades, and also in the High School. Next year, we plan to give an operetta, combining the voices of these groups.

In May, we produced our annual Music Festival. The program consisted of two short pageants by the Grammar School, and songs and folk dances by the seventh and eighth grades and High School groups. There were also selections by the orchestra and brass ensemble.

On the twenty-seventh of May, a patriotic program was presented on the grounds of the Grammar School, and on December twenty-third, musical programs were given in the Grammar School and High School buildings.

The musical standards in the Douglas Schools are high, and compare favorably with those of larger towns.

In closing, I wish to thank you, the school committee, the teachers and principals for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID N. GELLATLY,

Supervisor of Music.

Report of Teacher of Brass and Wind Instruments

Mr. A. B. Garcelon,
Superintendent of Schools,
East Douglas, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Garcelon,

I herewith submit my annual report of the pupils studying wind and percussion instruments, in the Schools of Douglas.

Last year there were 43 studying, and this year there is an increase of six, making a total of 49. There are seven on Clarinet, Fourteen on Trumpets, Four on Trombones, Three on Bugles, one Baritone, one on Bass, Seventeen on Drums, one Bass Drum, one on Symballs.

I am very much pleased with the progress each and every one of the pupils have made during the past year and the interest they have shown.

I wish to thank you, Mr. Garcelon, the School Committee, the principals and the teachers for the interest they have shown.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK O. DODGE,

Teacher of Brass and Wind Instruments.

Report of Supervisor of Writing

January 1, 1939.

Mr. A. B. Garcelon, Supt.,
Douglas Public Schools,
Douglas, Mass.

My dear Mr. Garcelon:

I am pleased to report a continued improvement in the handwriting situation in the Douglas schools. Our records show a 50% improvement in the number of gold seal (Superior) rooms for December 1938, as compared with December of 1937. In grades I to VIII, 3221 out of 4447 monthly test papers were graded "A" or Excellent. This shows that 69.9% of the papers were Excellent and compares favorably with 67.8% for 1937.

We were especially pleased with the record of your high school. In 1937 the yearly average of Excellent papers was 72.8%. In 1938 this average was increased to 86.6%. This remarkably high average enabled your school to place third among the high schools in the state under our supervision. The Douglas high school was awarded a blue ribbon for this fine achievement.

During the school term, 5287 monthly test papers were graded and diagnosed. A total of 14,350 daily work papers were graded in the various classrooms by our supervisors.

During the school year, we supplied pupils and teachers with the necessary outlines, scales, room certificates, junior and senior high school individual certificates for graduates, achievement charts, diagnostic charts, etc. Classrooms were visited monthly for the purpose of placing new units of instruction on the blackboards, and for the grading of informal handwriting. A diagnosis of the handwriting of each pupil was sent to your teachers each month for remedial instruction.

We appreciate greatly the fine cooperation you have given in this work.

Sincerely yours,

W. L. RINEHART.

Report of School Nurse

Mr. Albert Garcelon,
East Douglas, Massachusetts.

My dear Mr. Garcelon:

I herewith submit my annual report as school nurse, two days a week each week, for the year ending December 31, 1938.

During the past year I have worked with four definite goals in mind.

1. Adequate dental care for every child.
2. A more general knowledge of nutrition.
3. A closer cooperation between school and home.
4. Correction of other physical defects.

Adequate dental care has long been a problem in the schools of Douglas. A dental clinic was conducted from January to June this past year but was not very successful for several reasons: mainly, lack of interest and cooperation. During the summer and fall the Child Health Association, Mrs. Cornelius Callahan, chairman, took the dental problem under consideration. With the cooperation of Dr. Blanchard and the school committee a clinic, sponsored by the Child Health Association and conducted by Dr. Blanchard was planned, and is being conducted with very good results. Since December 13, 46 students have attended and the waiting list increases every week. It is the desire of all connected with the clinic that this success continue and that the dental clinic may become permanent and self-supporting. To accomplish this we need more than anything else the continued confidence and cooperation of the parents of school children.

The study of nutrition has justly come into the foreground of Health Education in recent years. The problem which confronts us now is to present it to the parent and child in an appealing manner. We are too much inclined to think of nutrition in terms of underweight and overweight. These are minor items; decayed teeth, impaired vision, lack of resistance to disease and inability to concentrate and study are often results of poor nutrition. Last March, Miss Bienert, a nutritionist from the State Department of Public Health visited the schools and conducted a meeting for the mothers at the Town Hall in the evening. This was sponsored by The Child Health Association and was well attended. I hope that during the coming

year we will be able to have more such meetings where parents, teachers and the nurse may meet and discuss their problems.

The correction of other physical defects is work which goes on yearly. A large percentage of defects are corrected each year.

Correction of Eye Defects

Number of pupils examined by specialist	20
Number of new glasses prescribed	13
Number of glasses changed	4
Number of glasses not necessary	3
75% of all eye defects were corrected.	

Correction of Nose and Throat Defects.

Number of children having adenotonsillectomies at clinics in Milford and Worcester	20
23% of all nose and throat defects were corrected.	

Last March the hearing of all school children was tested by means of the audiometer by Miss Eleanor Hansen of the Department of Public Health. 23 Children were found to have defective hearing. 4 attended a clinic and 19 were referred to their family physicians. The League for the Hard of Hearing, hopes in the near future to establish clinics to help these children.

One girl from the Junior High School attended Sterling Health Camp for eight weeks this summer and showed much improvement on her return.

The students in all four grades of the Senior High School were given the privilege of having the skin test for tuberculosis. This clinic is conducted by the Worcester County Sanatorium. 85% of the high school responded. 31 were found positive and x-rayed. The reports of these x-rays are sent to the family physician.

We are grateful to the Red Cross, The Kiwanis Club and the Child Health Association for financial assistance in the correction of defects. The Red Cross also rendered a valuable service by providing hot cocoa for children who bring their lunches.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the splendid cooperation and support given me this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs.) ESTHER JOHNSON, R. N.,

School Nurse.

Report of Child Health Board

Mr. Albert B. Garcelon,
Superintendent of Schools,
Douglas, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Garcelon:

At your suggestion, I respectfully submit a report of the activities of the Child Health Board of Douglas.

This committee is the result of the need of a board to work with the school nurse and to assist her with problems which may arise in the course of her work.

It is made up of representatives of the various organizations of the town, and meets on the second Tuesday of each month in the Town Hall.

The Child Health Board is now embarking upon its third year, and during that time, we feel that we have actually covered a great deal of ground that was formerly impossible.

Owing to the fact that no funds have been available for any work in Physical Education, I, personally, have been doing volunteer work in that line in all the schools. My time is necessarily limited, because of my own personal activities as well as the fact that the school curriculum is a very full one. However, in spite of this fact, much has been accomplished. The most important thing in my mind is knowing and understanding the children with whom we are working, - and I know many more than I did two years ago, and feel sure that the parents as well as the children know that the Child Health Board has as its primary purpose a desire to maintain good health in those already blessed, and to improve whatever needs to be improved in such a way that we will be a happier and a healthier community than ever before.

A program of games and sports has given the children a better understanding of the meaning of fair play, cooperation and team play, respect for authority and ability to accept defeat and severe decisions with a good spirit; and eagerness to attain greater ability in those fields which appeal most to them.

Rhythmic work and marching is not entirely new to them having been a vital part of the program offered by Mr. Galately; but it has been used in my work to emphasize posture, good carriage and poise, - all things that can never be emphasized too much for the growing child.

In the Junior and Senior High Schools, the girls have been given an opportunity to play Field hockey, Basketball, Table Tennis and Lawn Tennis. Tennis out of doors is not new, of course, but to stimulate interest a fall tournament was played off. Ten girls took part in this tournament, but it is hoped that many more will take advantage of the opportunity that is given them in having a court so convenient to the school.

Forty-nine girls signed up for Field Hockey, forty-eight for Table Tennis, and forty-seven for basketball, with ten taking part in the tennis tournament. As no girls were allowed to take part in more than two fall sports, more girls were kept busy and interested than the previous year when there was only Field Hockey.

We were most fortunate in securing officials for our games who were members, as well as coaches, of the Greater Boston teams, other officials who were All-American and one who was formerly a member of the Scottish women's team. All of these officials were very helpful in giving the girls a better idea of good hockey, and good sportsmanship, and were most generous in giving coaching talks and pointers to the teams after the games were over.

So impressed were they by the most unusual spirit of the East Douglas girls, that Miss Gertrude Hooper, president of the United States Field Hockey Association, and Miss Helen Libby, chairman of the committee on officials, have offered to cooperate to the fullest in the planning of a sectional Field Day in which we hope to include at least seven or eight of the surrounding towns. The Field Day will be held on October 12, with the alternate date of October 14 in case of rain, and will include field hockey games between the various schools entering, as well as coaching periods under the direction of the best coaches of the U.S.F.H.A., and an exhibition by two all star teams from the Greater Boston district. There will be no expense to all this, - which shows the extent of the cooperation that we have found all the way along in whatever we have done.

The Child Health Board felt, however, that it was vitally necessary to have a treasury, and to accomplish this an auction and series of bridge parties were arranged during the week of May 1, 1938. This netted us a very good sum and with contributions from the Firemen's Association, and other organizations, our treasury held enough for proposed activities.

It was decided to concentrate during the school year of 1938-39 on the establishing of a Dental Clinic, and this has worked out most successfully. It is hoped that by the end of the school year that the condition of the children's teeth will be unusually good, and that habits will have been established that will carry through life in the care of the teeth. The schoolroom having the highest rating will be

given a special out-door Play Day in early June, by the Child Health Board.

With the assistance of the School Committee two classes have been organized in cooking, - one for the high school girls, and a supper class for young women who do not attend school. Both have been very successful, and we hope that they may also continue each year. An understanding of planning, buying and budgeting, as well as serving well balanced and appealing meals is of value to every girl and woman, and the interest in these ten week courses is all that we hoped for.

A parents' afternoon was given by Miss Betsy Reid, teacher of the second grade, with the cooperation of Mrs. Johnson, school nurse. Refreshments were served by members of the cooking class, and paid for from the treasury of the Child Health Board.

There have been cases of malnutrition, injuries, sickness and lack of clothing which the Child Health Board has been able to help, also. Lights were installed at Hunts Pond for night skating.

The Well Child Conference will be held in May, and it is hoped that all mothers will take advantage of this opportunity to check up on the many problems with which mothers are constantly confronted.

A Posture Clinic is also being planned, for the benefit of all school children, and most especially those children who have the more serious postural faults. Attendance at this clinic will be entirely voluntary.

The Pre-school child will be given as much attention as possible during the coming year, on the basis that we can prevent many of the childhood ailments by checking more closely before they go to school, at a time when the parent has the child constantly under her watchful eye.

The cooperation of the school committee and the town at large in all matters that have been undertaken has been of the best, and it is to be hoped that we may count upon it on all matters that are undertaken in the future.

Most respectfully,

AILEEN F. CALLAHAN,

(Mrs. Cornelius F. Callahan) Chairman, Child Health Board.

Attendance Officer's Report

Number of cases investigated	40
Number absent on account of sickness	25
Number absent on account of truancy	5
Number absent for other causes	10
Number brought back	40

EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATIONAL CERTIFICATES

Issued January 1, 1938 to January 1, 1939

Number of Persons Issued Certificates		Number of Certificates Issued	
Educational Literate	67	Educational	72
Educational Illiterate	0	Educational Illiterate	0
Special Home Permits	0	Special Home Permits	0
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Mr. E. L. Williams has been appointed by the Superintendent of Schools to issue certificates and these may be obtained by those entitled to them by making application to Mr. Williams.

E. L. WILLIAMS,

PAUL F. RAWSON,

Attendance Officers.

STATISTICAL STATEMENT

Assessed Valuation, taken from State Report	\$2,045,339
Population, U. S. Census of 1935	2403
Number of Persons in Town between 5 and 16 years of age, October 1, 1938—Boys: 251; Girls: 237	488
Number of Persons between 5 and 6 years of age—Boys: 28; Girls: 24	52
Number of Persons between 7 and 13 years of age— Boys: 170; Girls: 161	331

Number of Persons between 14 and 15 years of age— Boys: 53; Girls: 52	105
Total Enrollment in all Public Schools During School Year ending June 25, 1938	506
Average Membership for School Year	489
Average Attendance for School Year	470
Percent of Attendance	95.6
Number of School Buildings in Use	3
Number of Teachers Required by the Public Schools	17
Number of Special Teachers	4
Number of Teachers Graduated from College	5
Number of Teachers Graduated from Normal School	10
Number of Weeks High School was in Session	39
Number of Weeks Grammar School was in Session	38
Number of Pupils Graduated from High School, 1938	14
Number of Pupils Graduated from Grammar School, 1938	41

Warrant for Town Meeting

Monday, March 20, 1939

8:00 a.m.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

DOUGLAS

WORCESTER, SS.

To any Constable of the Town of Douglas in said County,

GREETING:

In the name of said Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Douglas who are qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Douglas, on Monday the twentieth day of March, 1939, A.D. at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

Article 1. To elect a Moderator, a Town Clerk, a Town Treasurer, a Collector of Taxes, Two Constables, an Agent of the Moses Wallis Devise, a Tree Warden, each for a term of one year; one Selectman, one Assessor, one member of the Board of Public Welfare, one Water Commissioner, two members of the School Committee, one Trustee of the Simon Fairfield Public Library, one Cemetery Commissioner, each for a term of three years, all of the above Town Officers to be voted for on one ballot.

Article 2. To choose all other Town Officers for a term of one year.

Article 3. To hear and act upon the reports of the several Town Officers, or of any outstanding Committee, and to choose any Committee or Committees the Town may think proper.

Article 4. To hear and act upon the report and recommendations of the Finance Committee.

Article 5. To see what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the Town for the fiscal year of 1939.

Article 6. To fix the salaries or compensation of Town Officers.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) to defray the expense of the Town's Share of the W. P. A. Projects carried on in the Town during the current year.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to instruct its Board of Selectmen to petition the Division of Highways, Public Works Department, under Chapter 90, Section 34, General Laws for aid in the improvement of some through way and raise and appropriate money therefor or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to instruct its Board of

Selectmen to petition the State Highway Commission, under Chapter 81, Section 26 of the General Laws for the improvement of Town Ways and raise and appropriate money therefor or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 10. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Five and 35/100 Dollars (\$5.35) to cover the overdraft in the Interest Account.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue for the financial year beginning January 1, 1939, to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, General Laws, Chapter 44.

Article 12. To see what disposition the Town will make of the Dog Fund.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800.00) for the Blanket Insurance (so called) now in force on the Town's Property, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote a sum of money for the observance of Memorial Day.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote a sum of money for the rent of quarters for the Michael Carter Post, American Legion.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote a sum of money for the upkeep of the Town Clock (so called).

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to have a Reserve Fund.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) from the Overlay Reserve Account to the Reserve Fund, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of Sixteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,600.00) from the Water Department Surplus to the Reserve Fund or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an additional sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for the Reserve Fund.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) from the Machinery Rentals Account to the Machinery Maintenance Account.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 1 of Article 1 of the Town By-Laws by striking out the words "third Monday in March" and inserting in place thereof the words:—"second Monday in February" so that said Section 1 will read as follows: The Annual Town Meeting for the Election of Town Officers and the transaction of town business shall be held on the second Monday in February of each year, or to take any other action pertaining thereto.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 4 of Article 3 of the Town By-Laws by striking out the words "February 15" and inserting in place thereof the words:—"January 15" so that said Section 4 will read as follows: The annual town report of the Selectmen, in addition to the matter required to be printed therein by statute, shall contain the reports of all boards, committees, or officers having charge of the expenditure of money, which reports shall be delivered to the Selectmen by said officers not later than January 15. Said report shall also contain a complete list of all elective and appointive officials of the town and the organization of the various boards.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to pass the following By-Law:—

No minor child under the age of Fifteen years shall be abroad after the hour of 9 p.m. eastern standard time unless accompanied by the parent or guardian or unless upon necessary missions for such parent or guardian, or to take any other action in relation thereon.

Article 25. To see if the Town will authorize the Assessors to use any Free Cash in the hands of the Town Treasurer to reduce the Tax Levy in 1939.

Article 26. To see if the Town will instruct the Board of Selectmen to dispose of any of the Real Estate held by the Town by Foreclosure of Tax Titles and authorize and empower its Treasurer to give a deed of the same in the name and behalf of the Town, or take any action relating thereto.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for 1938 bills outstanding in the Welfare account or to take any other action thereon.

Article 28. To transact any other business that may legally come before the said meeting.

THE POLLS MAY CLOSE AT FOUR O'CLOCK, P.M.

You are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Office at East Douglas and at the store, formerly the Post Office, at Douglas, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 13th day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine.

WINFIELD A. SCHUSTER,
FRANK E. JONES,
PAUL D. MANNING,
Selectmen of Douglas.

A true copy, ATTEST:

HERBERT E. HUGHES,
Constable of Douglas.

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